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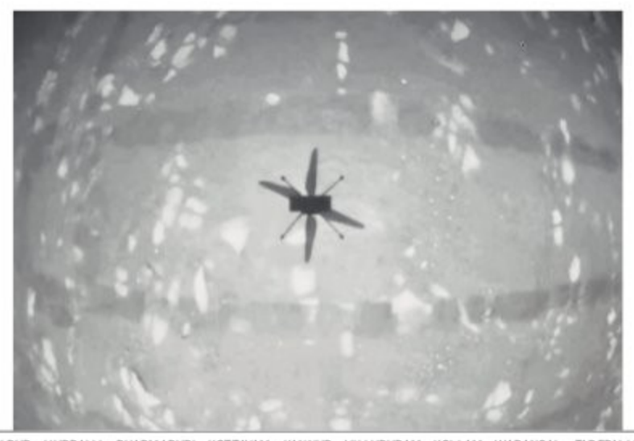

NASA'S MARS HELICOPTER TAKES FLIGHT

NASA's experimental helicopter Ingenuity rose into the thin air above the dusty red surface of Mars on Monday, achieving the first powered flight by an aircraft on another planet. The triumph was hailed as a Wright Brothers moment. The mini 1.8-kg copter even carried a bit of wing fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer, which made similar history at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. **P14**

18+ PART OF LIBERALISED VAX REGIME

To be effective from May 1; states can procure directly from manufacturers, who can also sell in open market; up to states, private players to procure foreign jabs

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

HEEDING to calls to reduce the age cap, the Centre on Monday opened its phase 3 vaccination drive to include all above 18 years of age from May 1, after a series of meetings Prime Minister Narendra Modi had with different stakeholders.

It also substantially eased its grip on vaccine manufacturers, empowering them to release up to 50% of their stock to states aa also sell the jabs in the open market at a pre-declared price. Importantly, foreign made ready-to-use vaccines will be available only in the market or procured by states but not by the Centre. States have also been permitted to procure additional vaccine doses directly from the manufacturers, and open up vaccination to any category of people above the age of 18 for it.

Prominent among those who had pressed the Centre to expand the beneficiary basket were chief ministers Amarinder Singh (Punjab) and Uddhav Thackeray (Maharashtra). The decision to allow everyone above 18 years to get the vaccines also came on a day when the Centre reportedly extended a credit line of ₹3,000 crore to the Pune-based Serum Institute of India and ₹1,500 crore to Bharat Biotech.

Manufacturers will make an advance declaration of the price for 50% supply that will be available to states and in the market, before May 1. Based on this price, state governments, private hospitals and industrial establishments among others can procure doses from the manufacturers. Private hospitals have to procure their supplies exclusively from the 50% earmarked for other than the Central government channel.

"This would augment vaccine production as well as availability, incentivising vaccine manufacturers to rapidly ramp up their production as well as attract new vaccine manufacturers, domestic and international. It would also make pricing, procurement, eligibility and administration of vaccines open and flexible, allowing all stakeholders the flexibility to customise to local needs and dynamics," said the Centre.

All vaccinations, however, will be part of the national vaccination programme, and mandated to follow all protocols such as being captured on CoWIN platform, linked to Adverse Event Following Immunisation reporting and all other prescribed norms.

Also, the second dose of all existing priority groups wherever it has become due, will be given priority.

NATIONWIDE

	APRIL 18	APRIL 19
Fresh cases	2,61,500	2,72,191
Recoveries	1,38,423	1,44,178
Deaths	1,501	1,619

Migrant workers at Kaushambi bus stand on the Delhi-UP border to board buses for their native places on Monday | PARVEEN NEGI

Harsh Vardhan mocks MMS, Cong hits back

ENS @ New Delhi

REACTING sharply to former PM Manmohan Singh's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi giving suggestions on how to tide over the pandemic, Union health minister Harsh Vardhan on Monday said even Congress-ruled states don't seem to agree with him.

"It is saddening, Dr Singh, that while you very well understand the importance of vaccination as an important method of fighting the Covid-19 battle, people in responsible positions in your party as well as in the state governments formed by your party do not seem to share your view," Vardhan wrote in his reply to Singh. **P9**

MANMOHAN TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

Former PM Manmohan Singh, 88, on Monday tested positive for Covid-19. He was admitted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi with a mild fever on Monday afternoon. He is stable and doctors are monitoring his condition. Singh had taken both the doses of Covid vaccine. PM Narendra Modi was among those who wished him speedy recovey

Corona warrior scheme to be continued: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has clarified that the government is in talks with another insurance company for extension of the ₹50 lakh cover scheme for healthcare workers on Covid-19 duty, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package.

Launched last year, this scheme was discontinued according to a letter to the states from Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan. The letter said the insurance coverage was coming to an end on March 24 this year. In its clarification, the health ministry has added that it has been extended till April 24.

The ministry said a "new dispensation will be provided to cover the Corona warriors, for which the ministry is in talks with the insurance company (New India Assurance)".

STATES LOOK AT MORE CURBS, LOCKDOWN

With Covid cases rising unabated, several states have announced stricter curbs. Delhi announced a six-day lockdown from Monday. The Allahabad and Telangana HCs have told UP and Telangana, respectively, to impose stricter restrictions to contain the spread.

K'TAKA BATTLES THE SECOND WAVE

12.81% Positivity rate on April 19	13,497 Total deaths	71,17,405 Vaccinations so far
0.92% Day's case fatality rate	1,23,212 Total samples tested on April 19	

Governor Vajubhai Vala to preside over all-party meeting today

Bengaluru going out of control warns epidemiologist

BBMP plans mobile testing

Netas against lockdown, new guidelines today

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

A meeting of Bengaluru MLAs, MLCs, MPs and ministers of all parties to discuss the Covid-19 situation in the State capital ended in uncertainty, after the government decided to announce new guidelines only post an all-party virtual meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday. Governor Vajubhai Vala will head the virtual meeting, where leaders of opposition parties will also participate.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who chaired the meeting, as well as Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa who joined via video conference, said all suggestions had been noted and will be considered. Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, who is hospitalised due to Covid reinfection, joined the meeting via video conference.

The three-hour meeting on Monday witnessed elected representatives from Bengaluru highlighting issues plaguing citizens at a time cases are surging by the thousands. Issues of extending night curfew from 8pm, imposing Section 144 to contain gatherings, identifying additional places for cremation etc, were discussed. Opposition legislators pulled up the government over the alleged shortage of beds, ventilators, medicines as well as oxygen supply.

"There is no shortage of oxygen in the State but hospitals that don't have storage facility and are dependent on cylinders are facing difficulties with supplies. We have appointed nodal officers to ensure cylinders are supplied thrice a day to such hospitals so there is no shortage," said Ashoka. **P4**

STATEWIDE

	APRIL 18	APRIL 19
Fresh cases	19,067	15,785
Active cases	1,33,543	1,42,084
Deaths	81	146
Recoveries	4,603	7,098
Fresh cases in B'luru Urban	12,793	9,618

K'taka gasps for oxygen, CM writes to Centre

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa and Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar have written to the Central Government to increase the allocation of medical grade oxygen supply to the state after the Centre capped the quota to 300 metric tons of oxygen per day for Karnataka. This is much less than the present requirement, said sources in the know of the matter.

"There are seven liquid oxygen plants in Karnataka which, together, manufacture around 812 metric tons of oxygen per day. Out of this, the Centre has allocated only 300 tons to the state. The rest of the oxygen will be distributed to other states as per Central allocation. This is just not enough for the state, which is grappling with an acute shortage of oxygen.

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Adding to the curve

Karnataka is among 10 states that account for 78.58% of new cases in the country.

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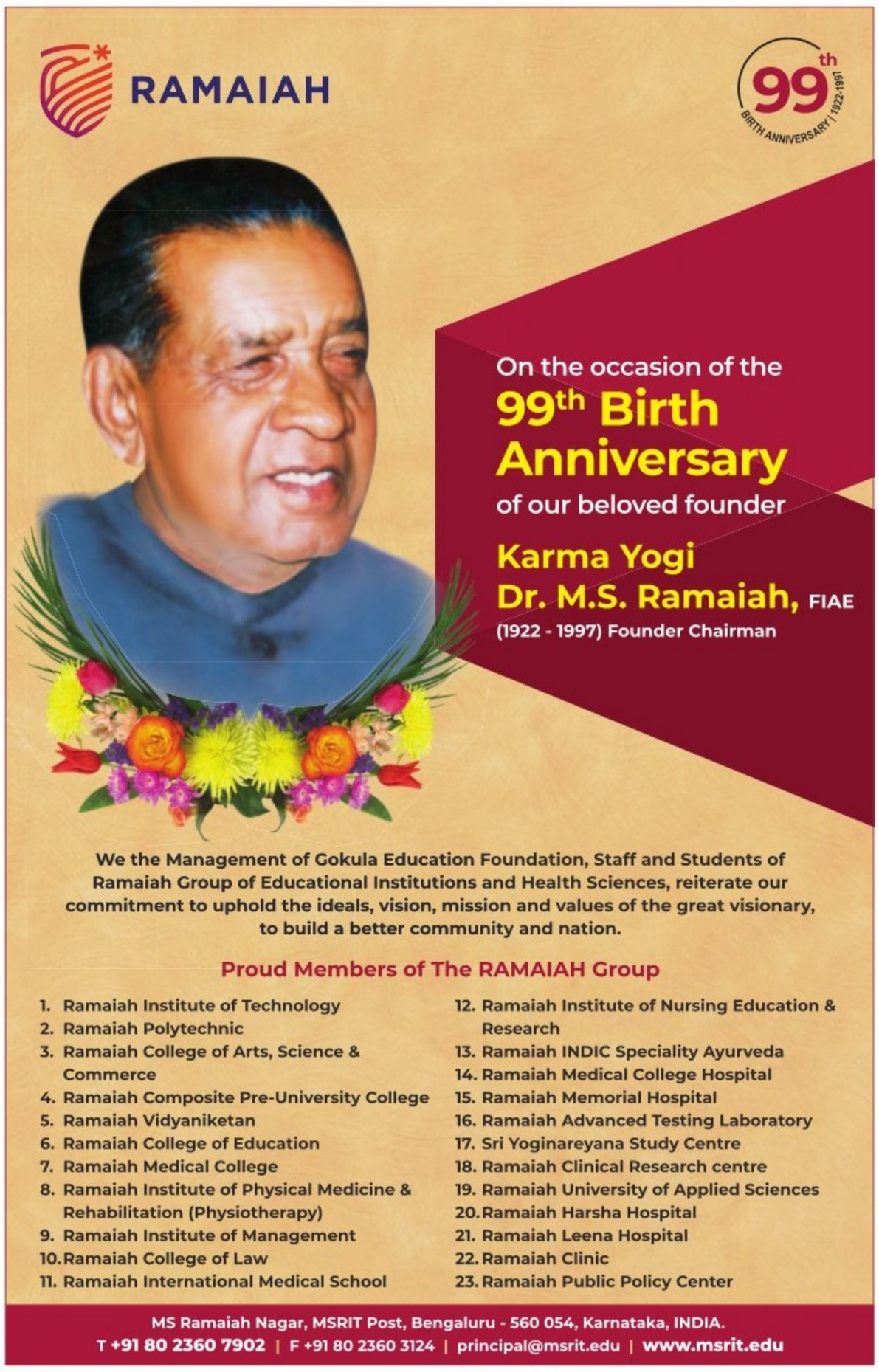
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EXPRESS READ

Lexicographer Prof GV dies at 107

Bengaluru: Noted lexicographer, Kannada writer and critic Professor Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah died in Bengaluru on Monday morning. He was 107. The recipient of numerous awards including Padma Shri, Kannada Sahitya Akademi and Pampa Award, he was an eminent academician and a noted orator as well. His book 'Kannada Nighantu Shastra Parichaya' and 'Klishtapada Kosha' earned much acclaim in the Kannada literary circle. **P7**

Markets in tailspin amidst pandemic woes

Mumbai: The Sensex plunged 883 points while the Nifty crashed below the 14,400-level on Monday as the worsening Covid situation triggered an across-the-board selloff. Fresh lockdowns announced by some states have stoked concerns over recovery, while another sharp drop in rupee also weighed on risk appetite.

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ALMANAC TODAY
Tuesday: 20/04/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Ashtami 6.49 pm
Nakshatra: Pushyami 2.46 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.04 am
Sunset 6.33 pm
Moonrise 12.16 pm
Moonset 0.38 am

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Some providing home isolation services for 14 days, others giving service for 7 days, depending on patient's requirements

CITY HOSPITALS COME UP WITH HOME CARE PLANS

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

WITH the rush of people rushing to hospitals, health care facilities and hospitals have now come up with home quarantine packages to encourage Covid-19 patients with mild symptoms to quarantine themselves at home.

While some hospitals are providing home isolation services for 14 days, some other are giving the service for seven days too, depending on patient's requirements. The demand for such care is also witnessing a rise, according to the doctors at some of the hospitals.

Dr Brunda M S, Consultant, Internal Medicine, at Aster CMI Hospital, says, "We are currently providing home isolation services at Rs 8,000 for 14 days. As the cases are increasing every day with the second wave, we have seen a rise in demand for home care services by 200 per cent."

While some hospitals are currently offering alternate day video consultation with a doctor, health update through timely follow-ups with nurses twice a day, dietitian consultation and rehabilitation, some others provide daily doctor and nursing consultations too.

At Arka Hospital, the package includes daily doctor consultation, nursing consultation three times a day for 14 days, physician, endocrinologist, dietitian consultation three times in 14 days, psychiatrist consultation and also provides digital thermometer, digital BP measuring instruments, digital pulse oxymeter, 14 masks, glove box, sanitizers.

Columbia Asia Hospital on Sarjapur Road has introduced home quarantine for seven days. The package is inclusive of doctor and dietician consultations, daily nurse assessment and preference for bed allotment. Additional benefits are on chargeable basis.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

Arka Hospital: Package starting at Rs 10,500 for 14 days. Call 080-41675151 an 8317384316. email : Digitalarkahospital@gmail.com

Columbia Asia Hospital: Sarjapur Road: Package starting at Rs 4,999 for 7 days. Call 080-66756565.

Aster CMI Hospital: Call on 080-43420100/22147147

We are currently providing home isolation services at Rs 8,000 for 14 days. As the cases are increasing every day, we have seen a rise in demand for home care services by 200 per cent

Dr Brunda M S, Consultant, Aster CMI Hospital

No Karaga procession this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru:

WITH the State government restricting religious gatherings, the Utsava Committee, constituted by Bengaluru Urban DC and BBMP, has announced that there will be no cultural or religious procession this year.

This is the second consecutive time the Bengaluru Karaga has been cancelled. It will be a simple affair in the Dharmarayaswamy Temple, with no procession. The Karaga was cancelled last year because of the lockdown.

The decision was announced by the Bengaluru District Collector's office in an order dated April 17. Bengaluru Urban DC J Manjunath said that government directions are very clear that religious gatherings cannot be allowed. Bengaluru Karaga started on April 19 and will go on till April 27. The Utsava Committee members have agreed to this also. Religious ceremonies, with not more than 20-25 people, have been allowed in the temple premises. The area around the temple and temple premises have been barricaded.

This decision was taken after many rounds of meetings held by government officials, politicians and members, representatives of Dharmarayaswamy temple and the Tigala community.

Palike gets 100 PoS devices to collect fines

Bengaluru: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Monday got 100 PoS hand-held machines to collect penalties from those violating Covid-19 norms across the City. Earlier, such devices were given to Marshals and junior health officials to penalise those violating solid waste management (SWM) rules and Covid-19 norms. The new machines will also be handed over to them immediately for usage. The machines will be used to collect spot fines and people can pay their fines through cash, credit/debit cards. This will bring transparency in collection of penalties, an official pointed out.

BWSSB pump not working, residents left high and dry

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

RESIDENTS of a layout in Haralur in Bellandur claim they are desperately struggling for Cauvery drinking water, but the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is insisting that the layout has no issues and receives water regularly. The irony is that this was the first village to be supplied water to 110 villages as part of a special scheme, for which a grand inaugural ceremony was held in January 2019.

The Rs 5,500-crore Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage V project aims to supply 775 MLD (million litres per day) by March 2023. The villages are spread across Mahadevapura, Dasarahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Byataranyanapura and Bommanahalli.

Unlike the reluctance shown by numerous households across villages to pay the required deposit amount for a Cauvery water connection, the 80 houses of Royal Paradise Phase-I have paid the required sum. A peculiar problem here is that most of the houses are located above the Ground Level Reservoir, which is supposed to supply water to them, which necessitates pumping of water to them.

Pressure pump installed to lift water for a layout in Haralur is yet to become functional| EXPRESS

A pressure pump has been readied by BWSSB, and electrification too is in place but it has not been made functional. Meanwhile, households spend anywhere between Rs 1,200 and Rs 2,000 every month on drinking water.

Kiran Patil, a resident who routinely attends every 'Jalaspandana' organised by BWSSB to solve water problems, and has visited Cauvery Bhavan a number of times requesting water for their area, said, "The pump is located around 2.5km from our layout. Another 500 dwellings around will benefit if water is supplied."

Among the better placed ones are a few houses at the ground level. Lokanandan Radhakrishnan, a co-founder of the residents' association said, "My house and a few others were receiving water once a week last year, as was promised to us. However, from January this year, we are receiving it only once a month. No one knows when water is supplied and we are completely reliant on tankers." His family buys two tankers a month, which works out to Rs 1,200, he said. BWSSB Additional Chief Engineer, Bellandur, Rajiv claimed that there was no water problem in Haralur. "We promised them water once a week and they continue to get water once a week. There is no water problem at all in the area," he said.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE PURPOSE

POSTAL DEPT TO RECALL PRECIOUS CARGO OF CBSE QUESTION PAPERS

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

CANCELLATION of the CBSE Class 10 exams and postponement of Class 12 exams has put an onerous task on the postal department: despatch of the question papers back to the CBSE headquarters.

With these paper bundles dispatched well in advance to nodal offices across states well before commencement on May 4, they need to be collected from them and sent to the CBSE headquarters. Around 21.5 lakh students for Class 10 and nearly 14 lakh students for Class 12 had registered for the exams across the country.

For the Karnataka postal department, the task has become more complicated in the face of a relentless Covid surge in the state of late. The announcements for both the board exams, scheduled from May 4 to June 14, was made by the Education Minister on April 14, but all examination material had already been sent to all states.

A reliable postal source said, "We are used to recalling a few Speed Post articles on an emergency basis on special request, but we have never done anything like this earlier."

Any kind of transport of crucial documents like these need to done only with great security, the source added. Since it was examination material, it cannot be retained for long and needs to be returned at the earliest.

Postal officials confirmed that they were in the process of collecting examination material bundles from across the State, and said it was confidential.

The department has been badly hit by Covid, with a total of 53 staffers testing positive, and two employees losing their lives -- A postwoman in Tumakuru head post office and a Sub Postmaster at Saptapur Sub Post died this week, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Sharda Sampath said.

In addition, 16 post offices have been shut across the state, six each in South Karnataka region and North Karnataka region and four in Bengaluru HQ region.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th April: My top sign today is Taurus, the celestial representative of domesticity. Some astrologers have a down on this sign, but that's because they don't understand what it's about. In my opinion, it can be the best sign for clearing out rubbish and getting to the truth. Taureans are some of my favourite people!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
No Arien has any excuse to be anything other than completely business like today. The fact is that most planetary patterns are stirring up chaos, and unless you keep your feet firmly on the ground, events will take on a dynamic of their own. Hang on tight!

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)
Be content with whatever is going well and looking fortunate. Avoid challenging partners on their own ground, as you will almost certainly stir up resentment and frustration. You'll probably spend more energy than you need keeping other people sweet.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's an intensity in the air, and a brooding, emotional cloud is looming on the horizon. You should be sheltered from the worst, but must take care at work - and in every single activity that you have come to take for granted. Complacency can be your biggest weakness.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
According to every current indication, passion is still increasing: you are likely to be gripped by sudden enthusiasm one moment, but find yourself down in the dumps the next. The way to cheer yourself up is to look on the bright side. Every cloud has a silver lining.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
If you expect to achieve what you want personally/professionally and still gloss over fundamental issues, you are mistaken. Banana skins await those who fail to deal with difficulties. A little extra effort now should prevent a major headache down the road.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Planets which indicate a maximum chance for arguments also offer an unparalleled opportunity to get to the truth. Don't shy away from facts or theories that challenge your current preconceptions. And don't let family members pull the wool over your eyes.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus, planet of love and affection, is a great help. This celestial body doubles both as the planet of friendship and as your personal ruler. You'll need a lot of goodwill to get through to family members, though. Hopefully they'll see the light before much longer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The general planetary situation is tough, uncompromising and ruthless. It is a serious question as to whether you will be pushing yourself to the limit or making unreasonable demands on other people. However, one difficulty may actually turn out to be a major benefit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your current emotional tactics have served you well in the past, but a new romantic campaign needs sensitive approach. Old-fashioned manners will assist your cause. Show that you care. Suspicions and doubts may be dealt with through a little careful thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus is now challenging Mars, planet of energy and aggression. A bout of personal friction will show you the way out of a current dilemma, so pin people down with formal commitments and undertakings. And try to get any agreements in writing!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Any minute now, full-scale war is likely to break out at work. Do yourself a favour and keep your head down unless, that is, you know that you can win. For your part, you must be able to exercise authority wisely. It's all a matter of setting a sensible example.

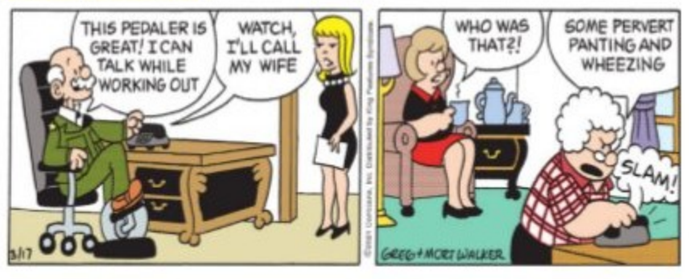
PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The long-term pattern is looking rather helpful, but you need to be more courageous than in the past. Others will be ready to help if they see you making the most of your existing talents. Long-distance news could start you thinking afresh about old problems.

THE PHANTOM

SURELY IN MINUTES THE BORDER WILL BE CLOSED TO PREVENT OUR ESCAPE.... WHAT CAN WE DO, MISTER TOWNS?
WE'RE NOT GOING BACK TO BANGALLA THE WAY WE CAME....
WE HAVE EXACTLY THE RIGHT VEHICLE FOR ANOTHER WAY I KNOW.

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY


THIS PEDALER IS GREAT! I CAN TALK WHILE WORKING OUT
WATCH, I'LL CALL MY WIFE
WHO WAS THAT?!
SOME PERVERT PANTING AND WHEEZING
SLAM!

BLONDIE

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT
STOP YELLING AT ME!
I'M NOT YELLING
OKAY, THEN, I DON'T LIKE YOUR TONE
WHAT TONE WOULD YOU PREFER I USE?
WELL, FOR STARTERS, ONE THAT AGREES WITH ME!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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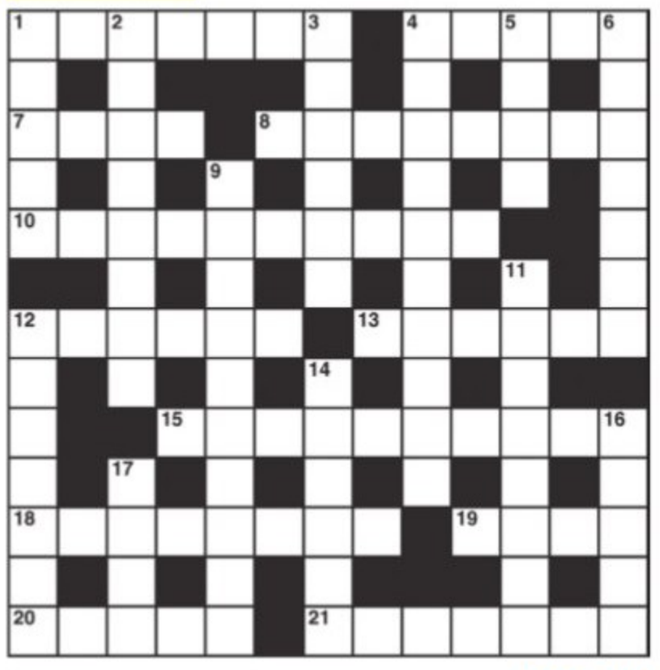

ACROSS

1 Complaining about a new variety of truffle (7)
4 Committee meals (5)
7 Stygian fare (4)
8 Jean took a horse in for a period after Elizabeth (8)
10 Nocturnal phantom could be deadly in the open (10)
12 Note I'm unusually punctual (2,4)
13 A cheering word (6)
15 Table inlaid with nacre design for a place of worship (10)
18 Organic defence for the soul? (8)
19 Music is nothing to a Manx cat (4)
20 Play for a drink on the street (5)
21 They may well ruin a sea trip (7)

DOWN

1 Father has to confess and make headlines (5)
2 When alone, get changed and stretch out (8)
3 Dislike having to change a hotel (6)
4 It has a strong scent (10)
5 They are the ones in suits (4)
6 Power line? (7)
9 Its owner will have impressions of many countries (5,5)
11 Gag and shoot a lunatic (8)
12 Trials or evidence of plea bargaining? (7)
14 Supported or delayed (4,2)
16 They're often seen in Assisi (5)
17 Texas is represented by one (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Horseradish, 9 Egghead, 10 Mouth, 11 Ring, 12 Inscribe, 14 Intent, 16 Warsaw, 18 Nuisance, 19 Taxi, 22 Spilt, 23 Antioch, 24 Clandestine.

Down: 2 Organ, 3 Shed, 4 Riding, 5 Democrat, 6 Studies, 7 Bear witness, 8 Wheelwright, 13 Unfasten, 15 Trivial, 17 Scrape, 20 Acorn, 21 Stet.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VANLA
VILDI
TRAEHG
EATORT

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I've been looking everywhere for that!
You can't have my crown!
WHEN HIS SISTER TOOK HIS BASEBALL GLOVE WITHOUT PERMISSION, HE ASKED HER TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** OBESE THIRD POETIC LICHEN
ANSWER: The spear was crudely made from a branch and a rock, but that was – BESIDE THE POINT

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The second wave continues to surge in Dakshina Kannada district, with 218 new Covid positive cases being reported on Monday. Two more containment zones have been declared in and around Mangaluru. A learning centre at Kottara near Kapikad was declared containment zone after 19 persons, mostly students, tested positive

B'luru going 'out of control': Doc

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH the second Covid wave predicted to peak some time in the second week of May in Karnataka, a senior epidemiologist and health expert has warned that Bengaluru could "turn into a disaster zone which the country will remember for ages", and advised the State Government to adopt a 3A strategy immediately.

Dr Giridhara Babu R, senior epidemiologist, public health expert and member of the Technical Advisory Committee, said, "The next two months are crucial for Karnataka in terms of Covid spread. Not just people, who should take utmost care and precaution, but the government too should tackle Bengaluru's infection rate right now and get into war mode. The government needs to ensure that we adopt the 3As -- Acknowledge, Apply Brake and Augment."

Babu said he has written to Chief Secretary P Ravikumar. First, the government must acknowledge the current situation. "On Sunday, there were no ICU beds and the same situation will continue for many days. This will escalate deaths to unprecedented levels in a few days," he said, adding that the government cannot deny that there is a shortage of health infrastructure.

"It is better to acknowledge and act on it immediately," he added.

The second 'A' is to Apply Brakes. A complete lockdown or curfew is now warranted for the city. "Not for the entire state but for Bengaluru, at least. However, this should be done along with direct transfer of minimum daily wages, social measures for migrants and increased testing. Need to ensure free N95 masks to everyone in essential activities," he explained.

The last A is to Augment the bed/health system capacity, says Dr Babu. He says the government should take over medical college hospitals and major private hospitals along with their manpower for four weeks.

State sees 80% increase in death toll

Karnataka has witnessed a steep 80.24 per cent increase in the number of deaths -- from 81 on Sunday to 146 on Monday -- corresponding with the shortage in medical oxygen and beds across hospitals in the state. A majority of the deaths — the highest in the second wave so far — have occurred among patients who suffered from breathlessness, cough and fever, and were found to have been admitted with severe comorbidities. The highest number of deaths in a single day that the state witnessed in the pandemic was on September 18, 2020, when 179 Covid-19 patients died. he last five days have seen an increase in the number of deaths in the state: April 15 (66); April 16 (78); April 17 (80); April 18 (81) and April 19 (146). The state also saw an addition of 15,785 new cases on Monday.

Panel irked by govt U-turn on suggestions

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) warnings and suggestions in November 2020 about getting prepared for the second wave, based on its recommendations, were largely ignored by the state government, which may have caused the present chaos across the state, mainly in Bengaluru, irked committee members have said.

"It's unfortunate that nothing was done on the ground," they said.

TNIE got access to the 'Advisory on Recommendation and Containment Measures for Second Wave of Covid-19 in Karnataka', which was submitted to the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Karnataka, on November 30, 2020.

An expert on the committee said, "We had clearly mentioned how early recognition of the second wave can be done by closely monitoring the seven-day average growth rate and reproduction number at district levels, and the committee had clearly predicted that the second wave in the state was expected in January-Febraury 2021. A minimum of 1.25 lakh tests per day should continue till the end of February 2021, of which 1 lakh shall be RT-PCR (1:5 pooled in lab as per state protocol)."

The expert said that in February, when the new "double mutant" was seen in Maharashtra with cases rising exponentially, "We had clearly said Karnataka needs to be very careful and has to increase its genome sequencing (GS) as very soon, the state would see a massive rise in cases. But nothing was done to encourage GS. Very few numbers were tested."

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>
> A senior expert from TAC

Irked by several U-turns the government took while considering TAC recommendations, another senior expert said, "The implementation of all those SOPs would have prevented such a situation. Unfortunately, we saw only U-turns in the orders passed."

TAC had recommended fortnightly RT-PCR testing of all teachers, pupils and staff in educational institutions and Anganwadi centres to identify clusters. "But this was thrown to the winds," another expert said.

Interestingly, health infrastructure was said to be ready by the first week of January to the level of October 2020, including beds, ambulances, ICUs, ICU-ventilators etc, both in government and private hospitals. Meanwhile, the TAC said these recommendations is to largely reduce the disease burden and prevent mortality.

WHAT TAC HAD WARNED

Second wave can be recognised early by closely monitoring 7-day average growth rate and reproduction number (R0) at district and state levels	Strengthen contact tracing, community-based active surveillance, ILI & SARI surveillance, surveillance in prisons, long-term care facilities, educational institutions, offices	SECOND WAVE EXPECTED TO START IN JAN-FEB 2021 Fortnightly testing of all teachers, pupils, and staff in educational institutions, Anganwadi staff and others by RT-PCR (by 1:5 pooling of samples in lab) to avoid cluster formation

Keep ready by 1st week of January, clinical facilities at an October 2020 level in terms of beds, ICUs, ICU-ventilators etc. in govt & pvt hospitals

Restriction of mass gatherings likes fairs and festivals, religious congregations, cultural events. Permit events only in open areas like marriages - (100 attendees); political and public events -- (Up to 200); Deaths (50); Funerals (20)	To minimise the severity, take specific measures such as emphasising cluster detection, testing, tracking and contact tracing; adoption of individual precautionary measures such as hand hygiene, wearing mask and staying home Expect a wave in India, as there has been a second wave in USA, Europe, Australia and other countries	Conduct cluster investigations in high-risk settings like urban slum, marriages, closed spaces,etc. In Feb, TAC also warned of entry of 'double mutant', the new variant, and sought more genome sequencing

SICK CITIZENS WAIT FOR HOURS TO GET TESTED

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE sick have one more problem to contend with: long queues for testing. Many are being turned back and asked to return after a while. Those who seek home service are told that there are no staffers and they may have to wait for at least 5-6 hours. Delay in testing leads to delay in diagnosis and treatment, but for the past three days, swab collection centres have been overflowing with patients.

Testing is on the rise, not just because of a spike in cases, but also as Covid-negative certificates are now mandatory to go to office and for travel. The long waiting hours are creating panic, and many are willing to pay to have their samples collected.

A health worker takes a swab sample from a man in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

"I have tested positive and for safety reasons, I wanted to get my family members tested. I kept calling BBMP officials and private hospitals, but I was made to wait for an entire day. While many gave me other numbers to contact, some were honest enough to say that samples will be collected the next day," said Sumalatha, a patient from Thippasandra.

Similar was the case with Dipannita (name changed) from Ulsoor. "I was unwell and wanted the BBMP or private labs to come home and take samples. But no one came. I went to a private hospital to give my samples as the queue in the primary health centre was too long. But the private hospital also sent me away and asked me to take an appointment for the next day," she said.

A BBMP official, meanwhile, said testing has increased.

"We agree that some areas are seeing an increasing demand for sample collection, so additional mobile collection vans will be deployed," he added.

EXPRESS READ

Fake Remdesivir racket busted in Mysuru

Mysuru: Police on Monday busted a fake Remdesivir racket, arresting a staff nurse who would source empty vials of the crucial drug used in treating Covid patients. Later, they would fill it with cheap antibiotics or saline solution and resell them to patients. The accused has been identified as Girish, a staff nurse at a private hospital here, who had allegedly sold over 800-900 fake Remdesivir vials to the needy, with the help of two medical representatives. With the massive surge in cases across the country, there has been high demand for Remdesivir, a drug granted emergency use authorisation to treat Covid.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s), /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Thyagaraja G, Mr. Govinda Swamy K, Mrs. Pushpa, Sri Subramanya Traders (Prospect No. 838860)	13-April-2021 Rs. 24,37,049.00/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Forty Nine Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Flat No.001 Ground Floor, Lv Akruthi Project Sy No.8 Site No.163/10 Chikadunasadhra Sarajapura, Bangalore, 562125, Karnataka,India

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.
For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore Date: 20.04.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank

Circle Office, Bengaluru West, No.100, Mosque Road, Pulakeshinagar, Bengaluru 560 005. Phone 080-25808903/25808927, Email : cobangalorewest@pnb.co.in

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, LOCKER HOLDERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Notice is given that from **24.05.2021**, the branch mentioned in "**A**" is being merged with branch mentioned in "**B**"

	EXISTING ADDRESS - A	BASE BRANCH ADDRESS - B
1	1st Floor, 1067 Gokul, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Mathikere, Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru 560054. IFSC CODE : **PUNB0186820**	530/1, 3rd Main Road, Opposite Ayyappa Bakery, Near Government School, Mathikere, Bengaluru 560054. IFSC CODE : **PUNB0593600**

Contact Details of Base Branch

Name : **SHARADA N** SR. MGR Mobile : 9591977187
Name : **AMITAVA MITRA** OFFICER Mobile : 6363323738
Land Line 080-23609155 E-mail ID : bo5936@pnb.co.in

All banking services for the existing customers shall continue to be extended from the premises mentioned at "**B**". We sincerely regret for the inconvenience caused in this respect. This is for the information to all esteemed customers and to the general public.

Assuring you of our best services at all times.

Date : 20.4.2021 CIRCLE HEAD
Place : Bengaluru PNB Circle Office, Bangalore West

FEDERAL BANK Regd. Office: Alwaye, Kerala-683101

LCRD/ Bengaluru Division, No.4, 2nd Cross, CSI Compound, Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027. Ph.: 22220898/22220897,

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Where as the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002(hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a demand notice dated 6/2/2021 calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr.Vasudev A. P., S/o.Mr. A M Poovaiah**, carrying on business in the name and style of M/s Pragathi Enterprises at No.59/2, Jaibharath Nagar, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore 560033 & also R/at Flat No.105, 1st Floor, "SUNBEAM" Apartments, 46 Davis Road, Richards Town, Bangalore – 560084 and **(2) Mrs.Kavitha, W/o.Mr.Vasudev A P**, R/at Flat No.105, 1st Floor, "SUNBEAM" Apartments, 46 Davis Road, Richards Town, Bangalore-560084 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **₹.20,09,818.03** under A/c 11045500003225 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **16th day of April the year 2021**
The borrower/s' attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties).
The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount **₹.20,09,818.03** and interest and cost thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All the piece and parcel of the landed property bearing Site No.05, Khatha No.89, Assessment No.132, measuring East to West; 50 ft, North to South: 80 ft, in all 4000 Sq.ft in Janjaru No.12/132 formed in "C" Block of Shivajyothinagar, Doddahaggada Village, Kasba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on East – Site No.6, West – Site No.4, North – 60 Feet Road and South – Site No.13 (As per Sale deed Doc.No.9351/2004-05 dated 28/05/2004). (Note: The above property is also charged to the Loan A/c. No.11045500002532 in the name of M/s. Srinivasa Service Station with St. Marks Road Branch)

Date : 16.04.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru The Federal Bank Ltd

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public, Financial institutions, Banks, that my client Sri M.R.Manjunath has entered into sale agreement with Sri Shobha Ram S/o Late Bhawarlal for purchase of property morefully set out hereunder in the schedule, from its present owner, he having acquired the same vide Gift Deed dated 27-7-2018, Regd. as Doc.No.KEN-1-03766/2018-19, before the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, executed by Smt. Sayaridevi, she having acquired vide Sale Deed dated 19-7-2018, jointly executed by Mr.C.K.Jacob and Sri Shoba Ram vide Doc.No.KEN-1-3515/2018-19, before the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore. Both of them having acquired site No.48 by virtue of two sale deeds dated 18-2-2010, Regd. as Doc.No.KEN-1-3692/09-10 in favour of Mr. C.K. Jockob & 4-2-2013 Regd. as Doc.No.KEN-1-11462/2012-13 in favour of Sri Shobha Ram, executed by Sri Devaraj & Sri Shivananda both sons of Late Ramaiah, duly Represented by their GPA Holder Mr. N.R. Prasad. the Vendor has represented that he has a clear and marketable title to and is free from all types of encumbrances and claims etc.

Any person/ persons, firms, Banks, financial institutions asserting any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Seven days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients will proceed to complete the Sale transactions with the owner subject to legal formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of and Parcel of property bearing Site No.48, BBMP Katha No.645/48/71/3, Ward No.159, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 40 Feet and North to South : 30 Feet, and bounded by:

East by : Road West by : Site No.49
North by : Site No.32 South by : Site No.71

V. SHANKAR, Advocate & Legal Consultant
No.1144, 3rd Cross, 17th Main, Srinagar, Bangalore – 560 050.
Mob: 9481425508 Date :19-04-2021

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
(BANKING DIVISION)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1, Bengaluru
2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560025. Ph : 080 - 22244324 Fax 080-22244325/326

SALE PROCLAMATION
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993
RC No. 14688 (OA No. 669/2018)

Between: The Federal Bank Limited and Muhammed Salih & Others
To, (1) Sri Muhammed Salih K S/o Abdulla, (2) Smt Naseema Salih W/o Muhammed Salih, Both are R/at : Site No. 6, Khatha No. 1004/304 & 305, Green Villas, Halayanakanahalli Village, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru 560 035. **Also at:** No. 71/1, Sarjapur Road, Near Wipro Office, Kaikondrahalli Village, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru 560 035. **Also at:** Flat No. 313, Itina Souparnika Apartments, Kaikondrahalli Village, Near Wipro Office, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru 560 035. **(3) M/s Richwood, A partnership Firm Having office at** No. 71/1F, Sarjapur Road, Near Wipro Office, Kaikondrahalli, Carmelaram Post, Bengaluru 560035.
The Under mentioned property will be sold by "Online electronic bidding" through the website **https://drt.auctiontiger.net** on **28.05.2021 between 11.00 am to 11.30 am**, for Recovery of an amount of **Rs. 1,28,37,357/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven only) including costs and interest thereon as on **09.04.2021** till realization of debt as per Recovery Certificate bearing RC No.14688.

Date and Time of Auction	28.05.2021 between 11.00 am and 11.30 am
Last Date and Time for Bids/ Tender Submission :	26.05.2021 by 3.00 pm
Reserve Price	**Rs. 2,08,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Crore Eight Lakhs Only)
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs. 20,80,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One lakh Only)

Schedule of Property: All the piece and parcel of the property being the residential Site No. 06, Khatha No. 1004, forms a part of converted survey No. 30/4 & 30/5, (Conversion Order No. ALN (EVH), SR/304/07-08, Date: 07.10.2008) measuring 3000 sq. ft (East – 60', West – 60', North – 50', South 50'), situated at Haalanayakanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, along with building constructed thereon, and bounded on the East: Site No. 7, West: Site No. 5, North: 30 feet wide Road, South: Site No. 8 Club House. (Property jointly owned by Sri Muhammed Salih K and Mrs Naseema Salih).
For Term and Conditions of sale: visit website: https://drt.auctiontiger.net, or M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger), Ahmedabad (Contact No.079-40230810 to 827). E-Mail id: Karnataka@auctiontiger.net, or support@auctiontiger.net, Contact persons: Mr.Manohar V-7353931866 / 9722778828.
For further details contact: **Sri. Deepak Shenoy**, Asst.Vice President, The Federal Bank Ltd, Loan Collection & Recovery Department, Bangalore-Division, Bangalore, Cont No : 080-22220897, 22220898, 7795015557.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **9th day of April 2021.**

Date: 09.04.2021 Sd/- (Deepainduvani. S)
Place: Bengaluru Recovery Officer - 2, DRT - 1, Bengaluru

Form No.63
(See Rule 148 (1))
IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
and
In the matter of M/s. Safa Trading Establishment (P) Ltd.
(in liquidation)
C.P.No.6/2003

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PROVE THEIR CLAIM

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the above named company that they are required to submit to the Official Liquidator of the Court proofs of their respective debts or claims against the above named company by delivering at the office of the Official Liquidator on or before the 31st day of May, 2021 or sending by post to the Official Liquidator so as to reach him not later than the said date, an affidavit proving the debt or claim in the prescribed form i.e. Form No.66 in respect of the general creditors and Form No.67 in respect of the workers of the company of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1959 with their respective names, addresses and particulars of debt or claim and any title to priority under Section 529A/530. Any creditor who fails to submit his affidavit of proof within the time limit as aforesaid will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of dividend before his debt is proved, or as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.

Any creditor who has sent in his proof, if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator, shall either in person or by his advocate, attend the investigation of such debt or claim at such time and place as shall be specified and shall produce such further evidence of his debt or claim as may be required.

Dated this the 15th day of April , 2021

Place:Kakkanad Sd/-
Date:15.04.2021 **(S.CHANDRASEKARAN)**
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
High Court of Kerala , Company Law Bhavan,IIIrd Floor, B.M.C.Road, Thrikakkara P.O., Cochin- 682 021, Kerala. Phone: 0484-2422889

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
BIC 10426, Magadi Road Branch No.46, Magadi Main Road,
Beside Anjan Cinemas, Bangalore 560023

DEMAND NOTICE SECTION 13(2) TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Magadi road II Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following Borrower/s/Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: 1) SRS Transport, Prop: Tulasi Ram V, 2) Smt. T.Bhuvaneshwari, W/o Sri Tulasi Ram V, Both are R/at No.3208, 6th main road, 13th cross, HAL 2nd stage, Indira Nagar, Bangalore,
Nature of Loan: OD, Loan No: 04261400000153, Sanctioned Amount : Rs. 4,80,00,000/-
Nature of Loan: OD, Loan No: 04261250002210, Sanctioned Amount : Rs. 50,00,000/-
Nature of Loan: GECL, Loan No: 04269160000226, Sanctioned Amount : Rs. 96,00,000/-
Nature of Loan: COVID FITL, Loan No: 04267100000190,
Sanctioned Amount : Rs. 29,28,109/-
Total Liability: 6,73,59,667 (Rupees Six crore seventy three lakh fifty nine thousand six hundred and sixty seven only), Interest with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses.
Demand Notice Date: 07.04.2021 **NPA Date: 30.03.2021**
Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing municipal No 235, PID No 82-24-235, situated at Binnamangala 2 nd stage, Indiranagar, 13 th cross, ward no 82, Hoysalanagar, Bengaluru 560038 measuring East to West (81+81.6)/2 and North to South 50ft, in all measuring 4062.5 sq ft, along with two storied residential building with ground and first floor and Bounded on the East by: Property bearing No 204, West by: Road, North by: Property bearing No 234, South by: Property bearing No 236.
Name of the title holder : T. Bhuvaneshwari.

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on the date mentioned above. The Bank issued Registered Notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice. falling which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) TO (b) OF SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13(13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further Interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Date: 19.04.2021 sd/- Authorised officer
Place: Bangalore Canara Bank

EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P. LTD
Corporate Office: P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam - 530 013.

"e-Procurement Tender Notice"

Tenders are invited from APEPDCL registered vendors for supply of Conductors, Cables, UPS, Insulators, Distribution boxes, Fuse units, Fabrication materials through e-Procurement. For further details please visit **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**.

Ph: 0891-2582302 / 3 / 4 Advt-13 Chief General Manager (P&MM)
Email: cgm_pmm@apeasternpower.com

ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
(WORLD BANK AIDED PROJECT)
Request for Bids (National Competitive Bidding)

Tender Notice No. 01/2021-22 Dt: 16.04.2021
The Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Irrigation Circle, Bobbili, Vizianagaram District, Pin Code 535 558, Andhra Pradesh invites bids from the intending Bidders for the following work. **" Rehabilitation of Dummangi Reservoir (Independent) in Dummangi Village in Gumma Lakshmipuram Mandal in Vizianagaram District under APIIATP"** Under " Andhra Pradesh Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation project (APIIATP)" from Dt:19.04.2021 @ 10.30 hours to Dt:18.05.2021 up to 15.00 hours. For complete details visit us at http://www.apmitanks.in **or queries : Contact No. 08944 - 255326.**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, W.R. Dept., Irrigation Circle, Bobbili.

UCO BANK
(A Govt of India undertaking)
Jayanagar Branch # 238/35 9th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore– 560 011. Ph. No. 080-26633347. E-Mail ID : jayana@ucobank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of UCO BANK, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **05.11.2016** and News paper publication dated **29.12.2016** calling upon the borrower **1. Mr. GANGAIAH R, S/O RAMANNA,** No.- 30, 2nd Cross, Indra Nagar, Bangalore- 560010, **2. M/S M.N. ENGINEERING WORKS,** Proprietor-Mr. GANGAIAH R, 85/110, Hegganahalli Main Road, Vishwaneedam, Bangalore – 560091, **3. Mrs. PREMA G, W/O GANGAIAH R,** No. 30, 2nd Cross, Indra Nagar, Bangalore- 560010, to repay the total amount in the Notice being **Rs.73,15,922.15 (Rupees Seventy Three Lac Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two and Fifteen Paisa Only)** as on **05.11.2016** with interest charged up to **31.05.2016,** plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc from **01.06.2016** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rules on **19.4.2021.**
The Borrower and Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK for amount of being for **Rs.73,15,922.15/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lac Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two and Fifteen Paisa Only)** as on **05.11.2016** with interest charged up to **31.05.2016**, plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. from **01.06.2016.**
The borrower"s attention is invited to provisions of sub section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

SCHEDULE – 'A' : Description of Immovable Property : EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY COMPRISING : Land & Building
TITLE/ SALE DEED NO :- 3530/2014-15, DT :- 28.11.2014
All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing No. 90, Assessment No.23, Katha No. 23, previous Katha No. 1454, Old Katha No. 759, Situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.40, Bangalore, Measuring East to West : 30'-0" Feet and North to South : 40'-0" Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the : East by :-Property No. 89, West by :- Property No. 91, North by :- 30 feet wide Road, South by :- Property No. 97. Together with R.C.C. roofed 10 square in Ground Floor and 10 Square in First Floor, Marble Flooring, Teak wood doors and windows with civic amenities of Electricity, Water supply and sanitary connection thereon.
IN THE NAME OF : Mr. GANGAIAH R.

Date : 19.4.2021 Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore UCO BANK

Mysuru City Police on Monday busted a fake Remdesivir racket and arrested a staff nurse who would source empty vials of the crucial drug used in treating Covid patients. Later they would fill them with cheap antibiotics or saline solution and resell them to needy patients

Govt must help poor if it plans lockdown

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WHILE there was consensus that lockdown is not an option, measures to cut down gatherings were discussed. "We did not oppose the government on any front but suggested that if it intends to go ahead with a clampdown, authorities must transfer Rs 25,000 to accounts of the poor and vulnerable so they don't starve," said Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byregowda.

Following issues raised by MLAs, the government has assured that monitoring those in home isolation, hand stamping, assigning of BU numbers for quicker access to government quota beds will be enhanced by allocating more manpower and resources. "MLAs have raised issues of medicines like Remdesivir being black marketed. Our police force has already arrested the people involved. Pharmacists involved in the racket will also be arrested," Ashoka said.

Responding to allegations of bed shortage, Ashoka said that private hospitals have set aside only 10% of the total beds marked under government quota. "We have 14% more beds than last time but private hospitals have handed over only 10% of beds under government quota so far. In the next one week, that will be increased to 60% and eventually to 100%," Ashoka added.

Following reports of ambulances lining up outside crematoriums, the government has decided to identify open grounds and convert them into makeshift firewood crematoriums. "We have also requested Cooperation Minister ST Somashekhar to help set up staggered, temporary wholesale markets in the city outskirts or in Anekal and on Tumakuru Road like last year," Ashoka said.

Undergoing treatment at Manipal Hospital, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa (inset) addresses a video conference on the Covid situation in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Sparks fly at MLAs' meet on Covid

Opposition members demand accountability as government denies shortage of drugs, beds

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE three-hour meeting of Bengaluru's elected representatives to discuss the raging pandemic in the city turned ugly multiple times on Monday with personal attacks, whataboutery and blame-game taking centre-stage. It was only the interventions and appeals for calm by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Revenue Minister R Ashok that kept the meeting going till the end. The CM, who had joined the meeting via a virtual link, had to calm his ministers down every time voices of leaders from both sides were raised to shout each other down.

While the Congress leaders blamed the government for calling the meeting after the pandemic has reached unimaginable levels as a mere eyewash and refusing to answer their questions, the government vehemently defended its action with some ministers even accusing the Congress of politicising a pandemic.

"I walked into this meeting with scepticism that it was merely an eyewash. The government's failure to answer our questions has proven my suspicion. There were no proposals, no solutions, not even an attempt to hear us out. It was as if the meeting was called just to blame the opposition for the fallout. This meeting was futile since no solutions came about nor were their any answers to our questions of what the government was doing till the situation reached this level," said an agitated Krishna Byregowda, Congress leader.

Speaking to *TNIE*, the former minister and Byatarayanapura MLA said that he has no way of helping his constituents if the government refuses to respond. "My constituents are reaching out to me for beds, medicines, oxygen, etc., but I have no means of helping them because I don't know who to talk to or who is in charge. There is no clarity on what is to be done or where to get information from," he said adding that people are dying before help could be extended to them.

Byregowda and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar sparred over the situation with the minister accusing the MLA of politicising the issue. Cabinet colleague V Somanna's attempt to back the health minister led to more raised voices with ultimately the chief minister having to interfere to bring order.

"Opposition MLAs have appreciated our works, but have also made suggestions which will be considered. They have raised issues and we will solve them. There is no question of blaming the opposition. We are in the same situation as many other countries and states," said Ashoka.

Opposition MLAs insisted that a breakup of the availability of Remdesivir and ventilator beds among others should be made public, but the demand did not elicit any response from the government.

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Ramp up production of medical oxygen, manufacturers told

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@ Bengaluru:

AS the demand for medical oxygen supplies increases, the government on Monday directed medical oxygen manufacturers and suppliers to ramp up operations to meet the requirements of the state.

"We have taken all measures to ensure that there is no shortage of medical oxygen in Bengaluru or other parts of the state. We have also taken into account possible increase in requirement and asked manufacturers to give first priority to providing oxygen to hospitals," Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar told reporters after a meeting with medical oxygen manufacturers and suppliers in the state.

"Supply of oxygen cylinders in Bengaluru is very important. There is a requirement of 3,500 cylinders and it will be done. There is no shortage of oxygen," he said, and added that oxygen required for the state is being manufactured within the state and there was some shortage of cylinders. Officers have been directed to sort it out and it would be done within a day or two.

Shettar said the state government is taking the required permissions from the Centre to ramp up manufacturing or sort out other issues raised by manufacturers. There is a need to evolve a system to ensure that the oxygen that reaches Bengaluru is supplied to hospitals as per their requirements.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who also attended the meeting, said medical oxygen manufactured in the state is also supplied to other states and now that cases are increasing, there is a need to better utilise the same within the state. The officers have been directed to write to the Centre to provide the required number of cylinders for the state, he added.

Ministers, oppn spar over mismanagement

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

UGLY scenes marked the Bengaluru legislators' meet in Vidhana Soudha on Monday, with Opposition MLAs charging the government with mismanagement of the Covid-19 situation.

The MLAs said that every day, they get calls from families, with fervent pleas for beds. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad claimed that despite being an MLA, he was unable to get a single bed, and asked how the common man was expected to get a bed. To this, Cooperation minister ST Somashekar, Urban Development Minister Byrati Basavaraj and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar got up angrily and tried to shout them down, saying, ''We have seen many like you." Rizwan and the Congress MLAs countered with "how many", and things got personal. Both sides were on their feet, abusing each other.

Minister R Ashok, K Gopalaiah and Dr K Sudhakar arrive for the all-party meeting on Monday at the Vidhana Soudah on Monday | EXPRESS

The shouting match continued between MP DK Suresh, MLAs Krishna Byregowda, Ramalinga Reddy and Rizwan Arshad on one side, and Byrati Basavaraj, Somashekar and Sudhakar on the other.

"Your government has failed," Congress ministers said, taking a jibe at the three ministers who had hopped from the Congress to the BJP. They said that if they had not betrayed the Congress, things would have been better managed.

When Congress representatives asked how the official death figures showed such a huge disparity in numbers, Sudhakar admitted that the numbers were inaccurate and were being corrected.

Cooperation between states and Centre must to fight pandemic: Bommai

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BETTER coordination among states as well as between states and the Centre is necessary as there are many commonalities in challenges faced by different states fighting the Covid pandemic, Karnataka Home and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday.

Participating in a videoconference of Assembly Speakers and Parliamentary Affairs Ministers of states, Bommai said that the Covid spread in the second wave is much faster compared to the first wave due to the double mutant virus. "We are facing a greater challenge, but with last year's experience, we are now well equipped in terms of beds in government and private hospitals as well in terms of tracking, tracing and treatment," he said. The meet was organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat to discuss the Covid situation.

Bommai said that Karnataka is one of the states that has been conducting the highest number of tests with around 1.5 lakh tests a day. Within the next two to three days, it will be increased to 2 lakh tests per day, he added.

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>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Home Minister

The Home Minister said that the state is facing a big challenge as the pandemic is at its peak in the neighbouring states of Maharashtra and Kerala. Karnataka is insisting that people travelling from the neighbouring states carry RTPCR reports. "We are determined to ensure that those with Covid are not allowed to enter our state," he said. On the vaccination drive in the state, Bommai said that Karnataka is among the top five states in the country with 69 lakh vaccinations.

Karnataka Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said that elected representatives play a crucial role in the fight against the pandemic by creating awareness about protocols and encouraging people to get vaccinated. "House committee meetings have been cancelled from April 24 onwards to enable legislators to stay in their constituencies to take all necessary measures to contain the Covid spread," the Speaker added.

Karnataka may need 1,100 tons of O_2 per day

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KARNATAKA has already used 279 tons on Saturday for its Covid-19 patients. The projected requirement could be 1,100 tons per day, given the current increase in Covid-19 cases in the state," the sources added.

Left to fend for itself with the meagre oxygen allocation, the Karnataka Government is now making all efforts to ramp up manufacture and supply of medical grade oxygen to tide over the growing crisis in hospitals, especially small hospitals, which don't have a tie-up with oxygen manufacturers.

On Monday, Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar and Health Minister D Sudhakar met manufacturers of oxygen and asked them to increase their production capacity and to divert industrial grade oxygen to medical grade oxygen wherever possible.

"The State Government has also decided to streamline transport and distribution of oxygen. There are 94 tankers out of which 45 carry oxygen. We are looking into whether we could rejig some more tankers for oxygen supply," said the source.

Out of the seven oxygen plants in Karnataka, Ballari district alone has four — Air Water India (formerly known as Linde India Ltd), JSW Industrial Gases Pvt Ltd, Praxair India Pvt Ltd and Bellary Oxygen Company. Universal Air Products Pvt Ltd and Bhoruka Gases Ltd are located in Bengaluru and Praxair has another plant in Koppal.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra, which has accused the Centre of not helping it with oxygen supply, has reportedly not picked up its quota of oxygen from Karnataka.

Sources told *TNIE* that Ballari manufactures 330 tons of medical grade oxygen every day out of which the Centre had allocated 100 tons for Maharashtra, said placed sources. "The latter has not lifted its share of oxygen from Ballari for unknown reasons," added the sources.

A senior officer from Maharashtra said that they could not take their oxygen quota from Ballari due to some "technical" reasons. "We will lift it this weekend," said the officer.

Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope had last week alleged that they had approached the neighbouring states for medical oxygen supply amid a high COVID-19 surge, but the latter expressed their inability due to their domestic demand.

Siddu demands govt for white paper on Covid management

Bengaluru: A day before the governor's virtual meeting with floor leaders of both houses, opposition leader Siddaramaiah, in a series of tweets, asked the government to come out with a white paper on its Covid management, and alleged that there was chaos and confusion as regards covid management which is reflected in the high number of deaths, unavailability of essential drug Remdesivir and insufficient ventilators and hospital beds. He said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is in "hospital and the government is in ICU".

KRRS steps up protest against fertiliser price hike

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WITH the recent steep hike in fertiliser prices triggering concerns and complaints from farmers over vendors selling the old stock at new prices and hoarding, the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) said they are stepping up their opposition against the hike.

Major fertiliser makers in the country, including Indian Farmers Fertilisers Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO), had announced a steep hike in excess of 45-58 per cent on the commonly used fertilisers recently.

"The move will hurt farmers. The government seems to have lost its concern for the farmers. The government has to roll back the decision to hike fertiliser prices," said Badagalpura Nagendra, president of KRRS.

He said farmers will picket residences and offices of MPs to put forth their demands. Protests will be held at the taluk and district level too, but by strictly adhering to Covid protocols, he added.

With the spike in Coronavirus cases and restrictions on public movement, Nagendra urged the government to increase the annual work hours under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to 200 hours. He said the scheme helped many stuck in rural areas after the last wave of the pandemic and lockdown. With a similar situation looming, an increase in annual work hours is imminent. He called for including agriculture work under NREGA.

He demanded that suo motu cases be filed against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa for violating Covid safety norms during poll rallies.

EXPRESS READ

Jarkiholi tests Covid-negative, but may not appear before SIT yet

Belagavi: The investigation into the CD-gate, involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, is expected to gain pace in the next few days as Jarkiholi, quarantined for the last two weeks since he tested positive for Covid, has recovered. According to doctors attending on him, he was tested negative in repeat Covid tests in the last two days and did not have any major symptoms. But Dr Ravindra Antin of Gokak who supervised treatment of Jarkiholi since April 7 when he was admitted to Gokak Taluk Hospital said that Ramesh is still weak and needs some more days of rest. The SIT investigating the CD case has issued a fresh notice to Jarkiholi, asking him to report for the ongoing investigation on April 20. But Jarkiholi may not appear as the doctors have advised him more rest. **ENS**

Govt likely to postpone TP, ZP polls

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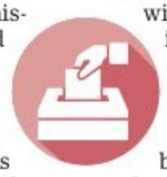
RURAL Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa said that due to the pandemic, the government is planning to postpone Taluk Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat elections and approve the same in the next cabinet meeting. Elections were due in May-end.



Eshwarappa told reporters said that they have been getting suggestions to postpone Taluk and Zilla Panchayat elections as Covid-19 cases are on the rise. It will be discussed in the cabinet sub-committee and placed before the cabinet. Once the term of these members expires, there is a proposal to bring in administrators, he added. "These elections involve voting by at least 3.5 crore people, which is not advisable at present," he added.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka State Election Commission is also not ready to conduct elections anytime soon. State Election Commissioner Basavaraju said that the government has completed the delimitation process of all taluk and zilla panchayats, but reservation has not been done.

On vaccination, Eshwarappa said 6.5 lakh people were vaccinated, covering 2,000 Gram Panchayats. In the coming days, 15 lakh people will be getting vaccinated.

HC appoints oversight panel for Gokarna Mahabaleshwar temple

Mahabaleshwar temple

ENS @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday appointed an oversight committee, headed by retired SC judge Justice B N Srikrishna, to manage the affairs of the Mahabaleshwar temple at Gokarna in Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka.

A bench, headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, issued the order on an appeal against a 2018 judgment of the Karnataka High Court which had quashed the government's order handing over management of the temple to Ramchandrapura Math. "The appellant will hand over the charge to the assistant commissioner who will report to the overseeing committee," the court ordered.

The overseeing committee will consist of the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Uttara Kannada district; assistant commissioner, Kumta sub-division, two eminent persons/scholars to be nominated by the state government and two Upadivantas of the temple to be nominated by the deputy commissioner in consultation with the state government.

An Assistant Engineer in the BBMP's Gandhi Nagar sub-division was trapped by Anti-Corruption Bureau while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000. An ACB official said that a resident of Raghavendra Nagar had filed a petition with the BBMP office about illegal construction of a building on a residential site, regarding which a case is under trial before a court. To initiate action under the KMC Act, the AE Pujarappa, had allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 50,000

HC to state: Provide basic infra to anganawadis

Govt says 100 centres set up in slums, 350 in urban areas

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IN THE HC

THE Karnataka High Court directed the State Government to file an affidavit setting out a time-line to implement the recommendations made by the experts committee, with regard to basic infrastructure to be provided to anganawadi centres in the state.

Observing that the statistics about the status of anganawadis in the state showed a shocking state of affairs, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka also directed the state government to ensure that adequate number of anganawadis are established in Bengaluru Urban district.

The compliance report submitted by the State Government to the court disclosed that electricity connection was given to only 33,146 anganawadis, while 29,560 anganawadis were provided fans, out of a total 65,911 centres in the state.

The report has also found that only 44,225 anaganawadi centres were provided with toilets.

Referring to the statistics, the court noted that the experts committee has recommended that pure and warm drinking water be supplied to anganawadi centres.

"We direct the State Government to take immediate steps and provide fans and toilets to all 65,911 anganawadi centres. In fact, the committee's recommendation contemplated separate child-friendly toilets for boys, girls and disabled children," the court said.

Meanwhile, the State Government has informed the court that it has sanctioned 100 anganawadi centres in slums and 350 such centres in urban areas out of its own funds.

In addition, it was also informed that it has requested the Union Government to sanction 4,244 additional anganawadi centres across the state. The hearing was adjourned to June 11, 2021.

HC restrains BR Shetty from transferring assets

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ALLOWING the appeal filed by Bank of Baroda, the Karnataka High Court granted temporary injunction, restraining businessman Dr BR Shetty and his wife or their agents from alienating or transferring movable assets such as shares, mutual funds, and monies deposited in their bank accounts.

However, as regards the other movable properties held by Shetty and his wife, the court said it will always be open for him to apply to the bank for permission to transfer the same.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order, in respect of the appeal filed by the bank.

The bank filed the appeal against the order passed by the commercial court on August 28, 2020, allowing in part its plea. The commercial court passed injunction order in relation to immovable properties of Shetty and his wife. Contending that it had advanced Rs 2,077.44 crore to Shetty and the entities controlled by him, Bank of Baroda approached the commercial court for injunction order for both movable and immovable assets.

Allowing the bank's appeal, the High Court said that Shetty, by his reply dated May 7, 2020, virtually declined to comply with the requisitions in the legal notice sent to him on May 3, 2020.

Prima facie, it is Shetty's obligation to disclose details of all other movable and immovable properties held by him. He is under obligation not to sell or transfer the same without consent of the bank. Thus, there is no manner of doubt that a prima facie case was established by the bank, the court said.

DOUBLE WHAMMY

With the surge in Covid cases raising fears of another lockdown and job loss, migrant workers try to leave Bengaluru. However, the ongoing strike by transport employees has compounded their problems | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC staffers among 41 arrested for protest

BENGALURU: THE Upparpet police on Monday arrested 41 people, including two office-bearers of KSRTC Employees Koota, when they tried to block Sheshadri Road and hold a protest at Freedom Park. All were taken into police custody, and later released on station bail. A senior police officer said that the office bearers Chandru and Shivakumar along with 39 people, came to Freedom Park and tried to block the road. Since they have not taken any permission for the protest, all were taken into custody and FIR filed against them. ENS

Woman files plaint against hubby for harassment

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

A 22-year-old homemaker has accused her husband of torturing her into watching porn movies, acting like a porn star, and drinking urine. Besides a police complaint, the woman has also filed for divorce.

Kavana (name changed), a native of Devanahalli, married Abhinash, a resident of Sheegehalli near Kadugodi, in November 2018. According to her complaint, her husband was normal during the first 2-3 months of their marriage, after which he allegedly started harassing her.

> **Elders from both the families held four rounds of talks to resolve the issue, but in vain. I have also approached the family court seeking a divorce**
>
> Kavana, complainant

"In the night, he would show me porn videos in the bedroom and ask me to please him the same way as shown in them. If I refused, he used to assault me. He made me sleep naked throughout the night, kicking and strangling me, and slamming me against the bed. He was also forcing me to drink alcohol and urine," the woman narrated in her complaint.

It is also alleged that Abhinash threatened to burn his wife alive if she spoke about the harassment to her parents. When she revealed the matter to her mother-in-law, the latter allegedly told her to listen to her husband. The mother and son were allegedly also restricting her from making phone calls to her parents. "Elders from both the families held four rounds of talks to resolve the issue, but in vain. I have also approached the family court seeking a divorce," Kavana stated. Based on her complaint, the police have booked Abhinash and his mother under Sections 498A (husband or relative of husband of a woman subjecting her to cruelty), 323 (assault), 506 (criminal intimidation), and other sections of the IPC.

41-yr-old chain snatcher thrashed by mob dies

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A chain snatcher, who was thrashed by locals in Madanayakanahalli, succumbed to his injuries in NIMHANS on Monday. The deceased, Mahesh G (41), had tried to flee with an elderly woman's gold chain on Sunday afternoon.

Mahesh, who worked as a cab driver, was involved in a series of chain-snatching incidents, and also in an attempt to murder case. He was recently arrested by Surya City police, allegedly for gambling.

Police said that around 12.30 pm, Shanthamma along with her two grandchildren was heading to her petty shop, and Mahesh came on his scooter and snatched her gold chain. She raised an alarm. Passersby who noticed the incident caught Mahesh and thrashed him, before alerting police. He was rushed to hospital for first aid, from where he was referred to NIMHANS, but he succumbed late in the night. Police have detained five suspects.

Woman accuses biz partner of harassment

BENGALURU: A 29-year-old businesswoman has accused her business partner of sexually harassing her during business discussions and has filed a police complaint.

Preeti (name changed), a resident of Koramangala, filed a complaint with the Kormangala police last week. According to her plaint, she was working in a private company in 2016, where she met the accused, Arijit Majumdar, who also worked in the same company. While she left the company in 2017, the accused discussed starting their own company together, and they both started an organic cotton clothing firm in Koramangala, in 2018.

"While I invested Rs 23 lakh, he had not invested any money. During office hours, he started behaving indecently. While discussing issues related to business, he used to touch me for no reason. Despite resisting and warning him, he would touch me inappropriately. When I confronted him, he threatened me of spoiling my personal life," she stated in the complaint.

The Koramangala police have booked Majumdar for sexual harassment and are investigating. ENS

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I, **RAFAT ALAM** R/at Flat No.G-1, G FLR, Sai Palace No.170/1, B 9th Cross, HBR Layout 1st Stage, 2nd Block, BSNL Office Bangalore -560043 have changed my name to **RAFATH ALAM** vide affidavit dated:19/4/2021 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SURESH BHAT,** S/o. Kekunnaya Raghavendra Padukakkepadi, residing at No. 1426, Kaivalya Manjunatha Temple Road, 2nd Cross, Seeta Circle, BSK 3rd Stage, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore - 560050, the father of **SUDHANVA SURESH KEKUNNAYA BHAT** hereby changed his name as **SUDHANVA BHAT** vide affidavit dated 19-04-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHASKAR JEBAMANI,** S/o. Jebamani, residing at # 176, 60 Feet Road, Geological Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Behind ITI Layout, Deepa Complex Road, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my Minor Son's name from **GERSHOM WARNER BHASKAR** to **GANVIIK BHASKAR** vide affidavit Dated 6/04/2021 sworn before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MONIKA GUPTA,** D/o Sh. Ram Avtar Gupta, R/a 1B 901, Divyashree Elan, Sarjapur Road, Kaikondrahalli, Near Motherhood Hospital, Bangalore-560035, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONIKA GUPTA** to **MONIKA AGGARWAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MONIKA AGGARWAL** only, vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before advocate and Notary **G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **JEAN SIMON,** S/o C Simon, aged about 33 years and **CHAITRA .N,** W/o Jean Simon, aged about 33 years, R/at D-2, Type-III, IWST Quarters, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, hereby declare that **AASHNI ABIGAIL** and **AASHNI JEAN ABIGAIL** is the name of one and the same person and belongs to our minor daughter name only, vide affidavit dated 19.04.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary C. SRINIVAS, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15317886K HAV Mohanarao Nandigam Unit 60 FD Coy, 3 ENGR REGT, C/o 99 APO, PIN:914003, have changed my Son name from **N.SHIVAKUMAR** to **NANDIGAM SHIVAKUMAR** vide affidavit Dated 16/04/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HARRISH.B.S, S/o. Srinivasa Reddy, residing at No. 166, 9th Cross, Somasandra Palya, Sector-2, HSR Layout, Bangalore -560102, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HARRISH.B.S** to **(NEW NAME) HARISH.S** vide affidavit Dated 17/04/2021 sworn before Notary K.G.Rajpal, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VARUNA,** R/a BB 2002, Birch Block Salarpuria, Greenage, Bangalore-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VARUNA** to **VARUNA SRIVASTAVA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VARUNA SRIVASTAVA** only, vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KAKKEPADI SURESH PADU** S/o Kekunnaya Raghavendra Padukakkepadi residing at No. 1426, Kaivalya Manjunatha Temple Road, 2nd Cross, Seeta Circle, BSK 3rd Stage, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore - 560050, have changed my name as **SURESH BHAT,** vide affidavit dated 19-04-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIDYASHREE, Spouse of No. 16121135M SPR Prashant Bagewadi, residing at Yaragatti (Vill) Yaranal (Post) Hukkeri (Taluk) Belagavi (Dist) Karnataka (State) PIN:591221, have changed my name from **VIDYASHREE** to **VIDYASHREE PRASHANT BAGEWADI** vide affidavit Dated 16/04/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VANI MALLAPURAM NAGARAJ,** W/o T.S. Ranganath, aged 41 years, R/o No. 37, "SHRAVANATHI NILAYA", Kothanur Dinne Main Road, Opp BWSSB GLR, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Bangalore-560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VANI MALLAPURAM NAGARAJ** to **VANI THOMMONDRAW RANGANATH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VANI THOMMONDRAW RANGANATH,** vide affidavit dated 15-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Banalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SOJA NIGESH** spouse of Nigesh C resident of SMQ No. 399/4, 6th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli, East, Bangalore - 560014, have changed my name from **SOJA NIGESH** to **SOJA C,** vide Affidavit Dated 16-04-2021 Before Advocate and Notary **H K GOPALA GOWDA,** Reg No. 12254 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SMRUTHI SURESH PADU KAKKEPADI** D/o Suresh Bhat, residing at No. 1426, Kaivalya Manjunatha Temple Road, 2nd Cross, Seeta Circle, BSK 3rd Stage, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore - 560050, have changed my name as **SMRUTHI BHAT,** vide affidavit dated 19-04-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LAKSHMISINDYA HASSAN SAJJANRAO, residing at No. 298, Kadabagere Village and Post Dasanapur Hobli, Bangalore -562130, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LAKSHMISINDYA HASSAN SAJJANRAO** to **(NEW NAME) LAKSHMI HASSAN SAJJANRAO** vide affidavit Dated 19/04/2021 sworn before Notary Kundan Babu.M., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **THEJASWINI JATHA VASU,** aged about 23 years, D/o Mr. J.R. Vasu, R/a No. 11, Laxmi Narayan Mansion, Shri Ram Mandir Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **THEJASWINI JATHA VASU** to **THEJASWINI VASU,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **THEJASWINI VASU** only, vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Chandrashekar K. aged about 20 years, S/o. Krishna A, R/at No.24, 9th Cross, 3rd Block, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru - 560096. I have changed my father's name from **KRISHNA A. R.** to **KRISHNA A.** Vide affidavit dated 20.03.2021, Sworn before Advocate Notary B. Hanumantharaya, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients, **(1) Sri S.C. SRINIVAS,** Age: 49 years - (DOB: 27-10-971), Son of Sri S. Chandrashekar Gupta, Aadhaar Card No. 7832 8488 0650, Mobile No. 97418 28218, **(2) Kumari S.S. SANJANA,** Age: 21 years - (DOB: 15-12-1999), Daughter of Sri S.C. SRINIVAS, Aadhaar Card No.3847 3377 0454, PAN. No.LTDPS3480F & **(3) Kumari S.S. HANSINI,** Age: 14 years - (DOB: 29-06-2006), MINOR, By Father & Natural Guardian, Sri S.C. SRINIVAS, Aadhaar Card No.6106 7054 4279, all the three are residing presently at: 146, 5th Cross, 5th Main, R.K. Layout,1st Stage, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560070, Mobile No. 97418 28218, have filed a Case bearing G & W.C. No. 13 / 2021 on 22-03-2021, before the Hon'ble City Civil & Sessions Court, Bengaluru, (CCCH–64), with an earnest prayer seeking prior approval for selling the schedule property, since the third petitioner is still a minor. On the date of last hearing on 17-04-2021, the said Case is adjourned to 22-04-2021, for further proceedings.

If any person/s has / have any just and genuine objection/s, they can appear before the said Hon'ble Court in person or through their legal counsel on 22-04-2021 at 11 AM, failing which the Petitioners shall plead for immediate disposal of the said case on its merits.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece and parcel of the Site No. 1508, 19th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, Bengaluru, BBMP PID No. 55-294-1508, Ward No. 55, Padmanabhanagar, measuring East to West 25 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, Totally measuring 1000 Square Feet and accordingly constructed Ground Floor measuring 800 Square Feet, First Floor measuring 800 Square Feet, Second Floor measuring 800 Square Feet and Third Floor measuring 800 Square feet and bounded on the: East by: Site No. 1507, West by: Site No. 1509, North by: Site No. 1496, South by: Road.

For and on behalf of our above referred three clients:

Raghavendra R. Desai & K.T. Bhat, Advocates & Tax Consultants, 'Anugraha', 2461, 16th Main, Opposite to Hoysala Park Main Gate, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 111, Mobile Nos. 98861 88876 / 94480 46847, E-Mail: desraghavendra@gmail.com

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL (BENGALURU BENCH) AT BENGALURU
C. A. (C.A.A.) NO. 16 / BB / 2021
In the matter of the Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act 2013 And
In the matter of the Scheme of Arrangement between Austin Global Ventures Private Limited and Zerodha Broking Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors involving the amalgamation of Austin Global Ventures Private Limited and Zerodha Broking Limited

Between:
Austin Global Ventures Private Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, bearing CIN U67100KA2014PTC074293 and having its current registered office at No. 19-02, B-6 Block, Elita Promenade Apartments, 18th Main, 7th Phase, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560078, India
...**Applicant No. 1 / Transferor Company**
And: Zerodha Broking Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013, bearing CIN U65929KA2018PLC116815 and having its current registered office at No. 153/154, 4th Cross, 4th Phase, Dollars Colony, Opposite Clarence School, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 068, India
...**Applicant No. 2 / Transferee Company**

NOTICE

The above C. A. (C.A.A.) No. 16 / 2021 has been filed under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (Bengaluru Bench) at Bengaluru on February 11, 2021, seeking dispensation of the requirement of convening and holding meetings of shareholders and creditors of Austin Global Ventures Private Limited and Zerodha Broking Limited to approve the Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be entered into by both these companies, whereby it is proposed to merge the Austin Global Ventures Private Limited to Zerodha Broking Limited (the "**said Scheme**").

The Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, vide order dated 07.04.2021, has ordered advertisement of the above Application, and the next date of hearing of the above Application is 05.05.2021 at 10:30 am.

Any person, who is desirous of supporting or opposing the said Scheme or the above Application, should send to the Applicants' Advocate, notice of his intention signed by him or his Advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Applicants' Advocate not later than 01.05.2021. Where he seeks to oppose the Scheme or the above Application, the grounds of opposition or the copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Scheme will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, subject to having any genuine interest / claim / grounds and payment of the prescribed charges for the same. Such person may, also, appear before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, in person or through his duly authorized pleader, on 05.05.2021 at 10:30 am.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2021

(Sd/-) IndusLaw
#101, 1st Floor, Embassy Classic, No. 11, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560001, India, Phone : +918040726600

BEFORE THE HON'BLE 15th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT BANGALORE
C. Misc. No. 2068 of 2021

BETWEEN: Sri. H.M. Rudradevaru, S/o Late Muddaveeraiah, aged about 61 years, R/at #71/331, Vishwaseerthinagara, Bhaithanapalya, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District 562 123. ...**PETITIONER**

AND: The Registrar of Birth and Deaths, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bommanahalli Range, Bangalore. ...**RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named Petitioner has filed the above petition before this Hon'ble court for an order of issuance of death certificate of **Smt. Veeramma W/o. Late Muddaveeraiah,** demised on 09/08/2017 in the residence of the petitioner brother, situated at #1196, 1st Floor, HSR Layout, Bengaluru. Under the proviso of section 13(3) Registration of Birth and Death Act 1969, against the respondent authority to enter her death data in the official records. Upon hearing of petitioner the Hon'ble court directed to take out paper publication on or before 20/04/2021 and fixed the next hearing date on **24/05/2021.** That if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition/claim or interested shall appear before the Hon'ble court, in person/s or by pleader duly instructed on 24/05/2021 at about 11:00 A.M, failing which said petition shall be heard and determined as ex-parte and case will be disposed off in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 19-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XV ACMM Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Krishnamurthy .V** #213/A, 2nd Floor, Vasavi Complex, 56th Cross, 4th Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. Ph No. 9071367317

IN THE COURT OF THE LXIIth ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & S.C. No. 363 / 2020

BETWEEN:
PETITIONERS
1. ZubedaVaziraliKarachiwala
W/o late Vazir Mohamed Karachiwala
Aged 78 Years, Residing at No.11, Hanumanthappa Layout, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042
2. Dr. Sameer Vazir Kara
S/o late Vazir Mohamed Karachiwala
Aged 47 Years, Residing at No.11, Hanumanthappa Layout, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042
RESPONDENT NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named Petitioners have made a Petition to this Hon'ble Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, praying for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.2 in respect of the properties listed in the Schedule - A hereunder, left by Late Mr. Vazir Mohamed Karachiwala, husband of the Petitioner No.1 and father of the Petitioner No.2, who died on July 17, 2020, at Bengaluru.

Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed on the **31st day of May 2021, at 11.00 A.M.** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE - A

All the monies, including any amount of interest that may have accrued, comprised in the savings account held in the name of Late Mr. Vazir Mohamed Karachiwala, bearing No. 0884010057363, United Bank of India, Cantonment branch, Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the **7th day of April 2021.**

Advocate Name & Address:
NDS Law Partners, Attorneys at Law C-5 Rich Homes, 5/1, Richmond Road, Bangalore 560025

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH-89) AT BANGALORE
O.S.No.3857/2019

BETWEEN
KARNATAKA BANK LTD, Bengaluru - St. Marks Road Branch, and Known as Bengaluru -Overseas Branch ...**Plaintiff**
AND:
1. Mr. Rajesh K R, S/o Late Raghunatha Rao, Aged about 39 years, R/at D No.8-3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Thimmaiah Building, Shakthi ganapathi Nagar, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore-560 079.
2. Mr. Srinivas Murthy S, S/o Sri Yerrappa,
Address No.(i): Door No.19, Ground Floor, Firoz Manzil, 19th Cross, 21st Main, J P Nagar, 5th Phase, Bangalore-560 078.
Address No.(ii) : Devatha Plaza, No.602, 6th Floor, Residency Road, Near Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore-560 025
Address No.(iii): No.67, 12th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore.
... **DEFENDANT/S**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Whereas the plaintiff above named humbly submits that, the above petition filed for recovery of a sum of **Rs.7,58,761/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty One Only)** from the defendant/s jointly & severally together with court costs and future normal interest at the rate of 10.75 P.A (DS) and penal interest at the rate of 3.00% P.A. It is brought to the notice of the defendants that if they have any right or claim they may appear in person or through a pleader **on 22.04.2021 at 11:00 am** before the Hon'ble COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH- 89), failing which the matter will be heard exparte and detennined according to law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, on this **17th day of April 2021.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT
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ನಗರ ಎಸಿಎಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE
NITHIN CHANDRA. M
ADVOCATE & LEGAL CONSULTANT,
10/6, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, KHM Block, Opp. Hotel Shanthi Sagar, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-560032.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its lawful owners **1)SMT. BHARATHI VISHNUVARDHAN,** aged about 70 years, W/o Late Sampath Kumar @ Vishnuvardhan, **2) SMT. CHANDANA,** aged about 46 years, D/o Late Sampath Kumar @ Vishnuvardhan and **3) SMT KEERTHI .S KUMAR,** aged about 46 years, D/o Late Sampath Kumar @ Vishnuvardhan, all are residing at No;1203, 26th A Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **7days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Vacant Site bearing No:74/1, New No.117/89/1, V.P.No.150200302002500116, Old Khata No.74/1, in the layout known as Forest Flower Enclave, formed in residentially converted Sy.Nos.41, 106/1 and 112 (duly converted for residential purposes vide Official Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 87/90-91, dt:31-05-1991, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore), measuring on the East: 125 feet, on the West: 125 feet, On the North: 80 feet, and on the South: 80 feet, totally measuring 10,000 sft., approximately, situated at Ravagodlu Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on:

East by : Park Area
West by : Property bearing Khatha No.74/2
North by : 30 feet Road
South by : Property of Mr.Gopal

SD/- **K. VENKATA SUDHEER,** ADVOCATE
NO.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR
GARUTHMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE
STREET (BEHIND R.V.TEACHER'S
COLLEGE) R.V.ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI,
BANGALORE – 560 004.
MOBILE:9845682098

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

IN THE COURT OF XI ACCS CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALORE (CCH-8)

O.S.NO. 4186/2020

BANK OF BARODA
(earlier Vijaya Bank), a Body corporate Constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act-V of 1970, having its Head Office at Mandvi, Baroda, in Gujarat State and one of its Branch Offices Amongst other places at Brigade Road Branch, No.41/2, M.G.Road, Trinity Circle, Bangalore-560001 Represented by its Chief Manager & authorized officer Sri.Sandip Tiwari S/o Late K.D.Tiwari, aged about 53 years. ...Plaintiff

V/s

Mrs. Seetha Devi and another. ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.1 & 2

Defendant No.1 : Mrs. Seetha Devi, W/o Sri.Hanuman Ram.T, aged about 39 years, proprietrix M/s. Radakrishna Electricals and Mobile Residing at No.53, Hulimavu, Baneerghatta Main Road, Near Rama Temple, Bangalore-560076.

Defendant No.2 : Sri. Hanuman Ram T, S/o Tejaramji, Aged about 44 years, Residing at No.53, Hulimavu, Baneerghatta Main Road, Near Rama Temple, Bangalore-560076.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT TO 1 & 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 'A' READ WITH SECTION 151 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Whereas the Plaintiff Bank above named has filed the above suit against the Defendants for recovery of **Rs.15,95,936/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only) to the Plaintiff Bank along with future interest at the rate of 13.25% per annum with monthly rests and for other reliefs.

Take Notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this Court in person or through an Advocate/Pleader duly authorized by you, in this behalf, to defend in the above suit on **27.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** in the fore-noon. In spite of this summons, if you fail to appear on that day, the above suit will be heard and decided Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing converted Sy.No.43 (vide order No.ALN(S.U) SR 174/2010-11, dated 03.05.2011) measuring to an extent of 1 acre 14 guntas out of which 04 guntas of Kharab, situated at Gottigere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Limits. East by : Re-Sy.No. 61 (Quarry), West by : Private Property, North by : Sy.No. 44 and Road, South by : Himagiri Properties (Sy.Nos. 42 & 130)

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: An undivided 316.78 sq.ft or share, right, title and interest in the land comprises in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : A Two Bedroom Apartment bearing Flat No.G-5 in C-Block situated on the Ground Floor Building Know as "Pruthvi Royal" Proposed to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with super built up area 1229.13 sq.ft along with convered car parking space in basement Floor.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on **27th March 2021.**

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar.
City Civil Court,
Bangalore-560009

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Prashant N.Hegde
Advocate,
No.24, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road,
Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

LIC Jeevan Mangal Building
No.4, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, near Bishop Cotton Boys High School, Bangalore - 560025

O.A. 1452/2020

Between
Axis Bank Ltd., ...Applicant
AND
Sri. S. Raju & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. S Raju S/o Sri. Somanna, Aged about 52 years, No. 79/1, Balaji Nilaya, 17th Cross, Bandappa Garden, Muthyalammanagar, Bangalore - 560054, **Also at ; Sri. S Raju,** Old No. 39, New No. 47, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Near Kalyan Mantapa Road, Mathikere, Bangalore North, MSRIT, Bangalore - 560054, **2. Smt. Bhagyalakshmi R** W/o S. Raju, Aged about 48 years, No. 79/1, Balaji Nilaya, 17th Cross, Bundappa garden, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore - 5260054, **Also at : Smt. Bhagyalakshmi R,** Old No. 39, New No. 47, 3rd Cross, 2nd Mian Road, Near Kalayana Mantappa Road, Mathikere, Bangalore North, MSRIT, Bangalore 560054, **3. S2 Homes, Rept. By its Partnder Sri. Chethan Kumar P,** & Sri. Somashekar Reddy, No. 59, 3rd Main, BTM Ring Road, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore - 560029.

Whereas: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 Against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.41,89,710/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **12.07.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of the Tribunal on this **15.04.2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALURU

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Branch:R C Road, Bangalore. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001, Email:vjrcro@bankofbaroda.co.in, Phone:80-22258504-63132,

NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Branch R C Road, Bangalore,** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mr Nagaraj L S/o Lakappa **(2) Mrs Jyothi R** w/o Nagaraj L **Address** NO- 87, Saptigiri Layout,6th Cross, Doddabidirakallu, Nagasandra Post, Near HMT Layout, Bangalore-560075, Karnataka.
Nature and type of facility: Term Loan Baroda –Home Loan
A/c No- 72930600000169: Limit: Rs 25.00 Lakhs
Amount Outstanding : Rs 27,52,075.02 (Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Seventy Five and Paisa two only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest upto **31.08.2020**) and interest from **01.09.2020** thereon. and other Charges & Rates of Interest **8.55%**
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 05.04.2021
Security agreement with brief description of securities: EMDTD of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No-87 present BBMP Katha No-17/2/201/87 old Assessment No- 17/2 subsequent Khata No-201 situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk now within the limits of BBMP measuring East to West 15Ft and North to South 40 Ft in all measuring 600 Sft having the following boundaries: East By :Remaining eastern portion of site No-87, West by : Site No-88, North by : Site No-74, South by : Road.

2.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) M/s Manoj Chicken And Egg Centre Rep By Propritor Mrs. Rashmi R K W/o Mr. Manuraju N. **Address:** No- 51, IInd Main, 8th Cross, Someshwaranagar, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka **Guarantor (1) Mr. Muniraju N** S/O Nanjundappa **Address:** No- 51, IInd Main, 8th Cross, Someshwaranagar, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka. **(2) Mr. Appaih S** S/o Sanjeevappa **Address:** No-1080, LIG, 2nd Stage, 15th 'B' Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka
Nature and type of facility:Over Draft* 73920400000008 (Old No-117806041000005) FITL Loan 73920600000462 Limit: Rs 130.00 Lakhs
Amount Outstanding : Rs.1,38,30,772.28(One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two and paisa Twenty Three only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of interest upto **31.08.2020**) and interest from **01.09.2020** thereon. and other Charges.
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 05.04.2021
Security agreement with brief description of securities: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (residential Site) bearing No- 51, Khata No- 722/216/51, New BBMP Khatha No- 1483/316/314/300/216/51 , Chikkabommasandra , Yelahanka Upanagara, Bengaluru , Now BBMP Wrad No-4, Bengaluru-560064, Karnataka Bounded By East : Site No- 62, West: Road, North : Site No-8, South : Site No-52. Constructed on the land measuring East to West 60 North to South 40; i.e., =2400 S Ft.

3.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) M/s K B S poultry Firm Rep By: Proprietor Mr Chandra Murali, No- 26, Arebanni Mangala, Budigere, Bengaluru Rural District, Pin-562129, Karnataka. **Guarantor 1)** Mrs. B V Bhgyalakshmi W/o Mr Chandra Murali No- 26, Arebanni Mangala, Budigere Bengaluru Rural District, PIN-562129, Karnataka.
Nature and type of facility: Cash Credit 73920500000011 (Old No-117806911000001) Limit: Rs 96.00 Lakhs
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 63,70,000 (Sixty Three Lakhs Seventy Thousands only) as on **31.03.2021** and applicable interest & charges & Rates of Interest **11.45%**
NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 05.04.2021
Security agreement with brief description of securities: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (residential Site) Site No- 1036, Sy No-121/9, Old No- 121/2, Handrahalli Gram, Channarayapatana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. East- Kyathesappa's Property North- Road, West- Land of Krinappa, South- Land of Ramachandrappa, Extent Areas of land/ Building = 30X57 Feet.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 19.04.2021
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, COURT, BANGALORE RURAL AT BANGALORE

C. Misc. No.235/2021

Between: 1 .MUNIVENKATAPPA S/o Late Muniyappa, Aged about 52 years, **2. Junjappa** S/o Late Muniyappa Aged about 48 years. Both are R/at, Kithaganoor Village, Krishnarajapuram Post, Bangalore-560036. ... **Petitioners**
AND: The Registrar of Births& Deaths, Tehsildar, Bangalore East Taluk, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the Public in general, the above Petitioners father **Sri Late Muniyappa S/o Doddapoojiga** died on **03-07-1993** in Kithaganoor Village, Krishnarajapuram Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560036, at his home. Due to Old age, and the same was not registered in the Respondent's Office. The Petitioners Mr. Munivenkatappa and Junjappa have filed a Petition under Section-13(3) of KARNATAKA BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969, before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore Rural District, at Bangalore. FOR THE DEATH CERTIFICATE **IN CRL MIS. No. 235/2021**, incase if any objection is the from any person, may appear before this Hon'ble Court on the said date i.e., **28-05-2021** at 11.00. A.M, either in person or through Counsel duly instructed.

Failing which, the above case will be heard and determined in your absence placing You as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 17-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Chief Judicial Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore Rural Dist. Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE 23rd ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT AT BANGALORE

C. MISC. No. 2034 /2021

BETWEEN: 1. VARALALAKSHMI .N W/o Late Ramaswamy, aged about 42 years, **2. RAKESH .R** S/o Late Ramaswamy, aged about 24 years, **3. RAJESH. R** S/o Late Ramaswamy, aged about 22 years, All are R/a Seegehalli Village, 2nd Cross, Near Indian Gas Godown, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore 560049. ... **Petitioners**
AND: The Registrar of Birth and Death/The Tahsildar, Bangalore East Taluk, Krishnarajapuram Taluk office, Krishnarajapuram Bangalore-560036. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the Public in general the above Petitioner No.1 husband and Petitioner No. 2 and 3's father **Sri. Late. Ramaswamy s/o Muninarappa** died on **17-07-2000** in Seegehalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Krishnarajapuram Taluk, Bangalore-560049, at his home and the same was not registered in the Respondent's Office. The Petitioners Smt. Varalakshmi.N, Rakesh.R and Rajesh.R have filed a Petition under Section-13(3) of KARNATAKA BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969, before the 23rd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Bangalore District, at Bangalore. FOR THE DEATH CERTIFICATE **IN CRL MIS. NO. 2034/2021.** incase if any objection is there from any person may appear before this Hon'ble Court on the said date i.e., **28-05-2021** at 11.00. A.M, either in person or through Counsel duly instructed.

Failing which. the above case will be heard and determined in your absence placing You as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 17-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Shirestadar, XXIII ACMM Court, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 27TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE CITY

O.S. No. 5008/2020 (CCCH NO. 9)

BETWEEN: Mr. V.P. SURESH & OTHERS, aged about 63 years, S/o Sri V.N. Parusa, R/at No.4, "Shri Shiva Krupa", 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Subramanya Lane, Akkipet, Bengaluru-560 053. ... **Plaintiffs**

AND: Ms. N. ROOPA ... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Ms. N. ROOPA, aged about 41 years, D/o Late N. Nanjunda Rao, R/at No. 155, 6th Cross, 2nd Stage, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru-560 079.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted the aforesaid suit against you for specific performance, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or you shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all material question on **27-05-2021** at 11.00AM to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed off in your absence ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property presently bearing Municipal No. 155/G/F, situated at Gruhalakshmi HBCS, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru (with BBMP PID No.16-5-155/G/F), measuring East to West: (44+42)'/2 feet and North to South 65.5' feet, totally measuring 2,948 Sq.ft., with a house thereon in ground and first floor totally measuring about 20 squares with all civic amenities and bounded on the: East by: 30' feet Road, West by: Property bearing No. 156, North by: Property bearing No. 185, South by: 30' feet Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 16-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **H.S. SOMNATH**
No. SF-3, 2nd Floor, "SAMPURNA CHAMBERS", No. 13, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-29)

P & SC. No. 25008/2021

IN THE MATTER OF SEEKING SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF THE MUTUAL FUND, FIXED DEPOSIT, SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AND NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF MRS. SHEILA REGINALD ISAAC & MR. REGINALD MOHANDASS ISAAC

BETWEEN: MISS. NITA ISAAC, D/o Late R.M. Isaac, aged about 57 years, R/at No. 102, Spencer Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru - 560 005. ... **Petitioner**
AND: Nil ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed petition to this Hon'ble Court under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 seeking succession certificate in respect of the mutual fund, fixed deposit, savings bank accounts and national savings certificate in respect of Mrs. Sheila Reginald Isaac who expired on 24-04-2009 & Mr. Reginald Mohandass Isaac who expired on08-10-2007 as detailed in the schedule below.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or through pleader duly instructed on **05-06-2021** at 11.00 a.m to show cause against the petition, failing wherein the said petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

1) Joint savings bank account bearing No. 025201504765 at ICICI Bank, cox Town Branch, Bengaluru. **2)** Joint savings account bearing No.1044853783 at State Bank of India, Richards Town Branch, Mosque Road, Bengaluru. **3)** Savings account bearing No. 025201504764 at ICICI Bank, Cox Town Branch, Bengaluru. **4.** Joint Fixed Deposit account bearing No. 30160413308 at State Bank of India, Richards Town Branch, Mosque Road, Bengaluru. **5)** Fixed Deposit account bearing No.30567672475 at State Bank of India, Richards Town Branch, Mosque Road, Bengaluru. **6)** National Savings Certificate bearing Certificate Nos from 400275 to 400286. **7)** Mutual fund viz., ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund, having its Folio No.229072/17. **8)** Mutual fund viz., OPG-UTI Vale Opportunities Fund Regular Growth Plan, having its Folio No.503198029976.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 17-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **V. JAYKER**
#122, Hennur Main Road, Bengaluru-560084.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Regional Business Office-2, N.R.Circle, Hassan

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF CHAPTER III OF SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT - 2002

Where as, **State Bank of India,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 to your following address known to the Bank as per the records available. But the said notice got returned, unserved. The contents of the said Notices are that you have committed defaults in payment of loans granted to you by our **State Bank of India, Below Mentioned Branch.** The details of the loan and the amount outstanding are as under.

1.Branch: Main Road Somwarpet Branch : Borrower : Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya W/o Sri. T G Mruthyunjaya, Residing at: A-1 , Tripura Nest , 7th Main , 11th cross , Malleshwaram, Bangalore -560003. **Add 2:** # 438 , 12th cross , Sadashivanagar, Bangalore and **Guarantor : Sri. T G Mruthyunjaya S/o Sri. Gurappa C/o M/s G M developers,** # 11 , 3rd main , 5th block , Kumara park, Bangalore. **Demand Notice Date : 29.03.2021. Account No: 64076339732/64076351251/64138714297/64138715008/ 64138875017/64138875000. N.P.A. Date : 11.10.2017. Outstanding Amount as on 22.03.2021 : Rs.32,60,811/-(Rupees: Thirty two lakh sixty thousand eight hundred and eleven Only) +** interest along with other incidental expenses from 22.03.2021. **Description of the Property : Property I :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 23/1,Measuring :13.00 Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Abbimata Village, Somwarpet taluk , Kodagu District. **Bounded on : East by:** Sy.No. 26, **West by:** village boundary, **North by:** Sy. No. 26, **South by**: Sy. No. **23/2. Property II :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 23/2, Measuring : 9.13Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Abbimata Village, Somwarpet taluk , Kodagu District. **Bounded on : East by:** Sy.No.27, **West by:** Sy.No.23/4, **North by:** Sy.No.23/1, **South by**: Sy.No.30. **Property-III:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 23/3, Measuring : 3.00 Acares (Coffee Plant), situated at Abbimata Village, Somwarpet taluk , Kodagu District. **Bounded on : East by:** Sy.No.27, **West by:** Sy.No.30, **North by:** 23/2, **South by:** Sy.No.28.

2.Branch: Main Road Somwarpet Branch : Borrower: Sri. Pushpakrishnamoorthy W/o Sri. K S Krishnamoorthy, Sri. K S Krishnamoorthy GP Holder, Add-1 : Kiragandur village, Somwarpet taluk , Kodagu district. **Add 2:** # 36 , 2nd cross B Block , Swamy Vivekananda Badavane , Shivamoga-577201. **Add 3 :** #3390/48 , 1st floor 3rd cross, RPC Layout , Vijayanagar , Bangalore-560040. **Add 4:** # 10 , G R block , Santhrupthi Nagar , 7th phase , Bangalore-560078. **Demand Notice Date : 29.03.2021. Account No: ATL-64056455583/64134372970-ATL/64192256717-ATL. N.P.A. Date : 31.03.2017. Outstanding Amount as on 22.03.2021 : Rs.27,08,555/-(Rupees: Twenty seven lakh eight thousand five hundred and fifty five Only)+** interest along with other incidental expenses from 22.03.2021. **Description of the Property : Property I:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 91,Measuring : 5.06 Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Thambalagere Village,Yeslur hobali,Sakaleshpur taluk , Hassan District. **Property II :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 38, Measuring :12.03 Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Thambalagere Village, Yeslurhobali, Sakaleshpurtaluk , Hassan District. **Property III :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 37, Measuring :2.00 Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Thambalagere Village, Yeslur hobali, Sakaleshpur taluk , Hassan District. **Property IV :** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey Number 45, Measuring :2.26 Acares(Coffee Plant), situated at Thambalagere Village, Yeslur hobali, Sakaleshpur taluk , Hassan District. **Property No I to IV Having Same boundaries as below : East by:** Govt. Road, **West by:** Land of T.K Subramanya, **North by:** Govt. Road, **South by:** Land of Somegowda.

You are hereby called upon to pay **State Bank of India, Above Mentioned Branch**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the respective amounts mentioned here above, failing which State Bank of India, Above Mentioned Branch will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers/Guarantors. The powers available to State Bank of India, under the Act include:-

1.Power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers/Guarantor including the rights of transfer by way of lease, assignment/sale and realize the secured assets.

2. Take over management of the secured assets including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by State Bank of India shall vest in the transferee, all rights in or in relation to the secured assets transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13 (13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring either by way of sale, lease or otherwise(other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also hypothecated/mortgaged to the Bank without prior consent of the State Bank of India. The Notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Place : Hassan
Date: 20.04.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India

Can Fin Homes Ltd

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS & DEPOSITS
KORAMANGALA BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors with address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice *	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1	**Mr.Manjunatha K and Mrs.Shruthi V**	**Rs. 18,11,550/-**	All that piece and parcel of the property Site No. 03, 9th Main, 4th Cross, Valagerahalli Village, Opp to Mrs Villa Apartment, Jnanabharathi, 1st Stage, 1st Block, Shirke Layout, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1000 Sq. ft. and bounded on theEast By:Property Belong's to Saraswathi, West By:Property Belong's to Nagendra, North By:BDA Property, South By:Road.	**31-01-2021**
2	**Mrs.Latha N and Mr.Venkataramu D V**	**Rs.42,60,688/-**	All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Site No.1A SyNo.99,Machohalli Village,Dasanapura Hobli Bangalore North taluk measuring East to West 30 feet,North to South 37 feet totally measuring 1110 Sqft and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site No.2A, North by: Road, South by: Remaining portion of Sy No.99.	**31-10-2020**

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 19.04.2021
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsulaa Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013
Branch Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 - Loan Account No: 10214217

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co-Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on 28.05.2021 "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" for recovery of total sum of Rs.1,23,16,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only) as on 14th February, 2019 from Mr.SAMPATH KUMAR BHATT as Borrower and Mrs. GAYATHRI G as the Co-Borrowers, The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Whereas the sale of secured asset (as described below) is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of a sum of Rs.1,23,16,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only) as on 14th February, 2019 Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2 P.M. on the said 28.05.2021 through E-Auction. The sealed envelope containing EMD Demand Draft for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer of the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD on or before 27.05.2021 till 5 PM. The sale of the Secured Asset/ property will be on "as is where condition is"

Description of Secured Asset:	Reserve Price (Rs):	Earnest Money (Rs):
Detailed address of the property financed with area: SCHEDULE A:	**1,29,37,200/-**	**12,93,720/-**

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing No. 3328, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, in the layout formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru, now coming within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, present Municpal No. 631/3328, Yelachenahalli Sub Division, Bengaluru, measuring East-West: 7.62 Mtrs and North-South: 14.00 Mtrs in all measuring 106.68 Sq. mtrs, together with unfinished building consisting of ground and First Floor measuring 9 squares and 10 squares respectively using cement and bricks for walls of RCC Roof using Jungle Wood for Doors and windows of red-oxide flooring with all amenities and bounded on the:- East: Property bearing No. 3327, West: Property bearing No. 3329,North: Road, South: Private Property.

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. The description of the Secured asset/ property that will be put up for sale is as per above Schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions: The E-auction will take place through portal https://DisposalHub.com on 28.05.2021 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with limited extension of 10 minutes each.

Terms and Condition: 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of Secured Creditor. 2. The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 3. Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) 4. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." payable Vijayawada Address: at No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. 5. The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 6. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to adjourn/discontinue the sale. 7. Inspection of the property and chain documents can be done on 20.05.2021 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM. 8. The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the 'Authorized Officer' within 24Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. 9. In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the 'Authorized Officer' on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. 10. In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. 11. TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale/auction of this property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this matter. 12. Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable: Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: Nil 13. For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, Address: #203, 2nd Floor, Shree Shyam Palace, Sector: 4&5 Crossing, Railway Road, Gurugram – 122 006 through its Mobile No. +91 97100 29933, +91 98100 29926, Tel. No. +91 124 4 233 933, E-mail ID: CSD@disposalhub.com or Arijit Bhatt, Email id Arijit.bhatt@tatacapital.com Authorized Officer Mobile No 9029073280. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number – 9029073280. 14. TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment need to be deposit by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/ borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company 15. Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website https://bit.ly/3x6ctqx for the above details.

Date: - 19/04/2021
Place: - Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

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NOTICE TO BORROWER

SUB : NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Branch . The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreements(s)/documents(s) & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have need classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/ guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debts and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1) Borrower's Loan Account No. : 06230610014806 BRANCH : Jayanagar
Borrower : 1) Mr. Prashant B Poojary, S/o- Late. Mr. Birmanna Poojary.
2) Mrs. Preethi Poojary, W/o- Mr. Prashant B Poojary
both are at # No.225, Soundrya Nilaya, 2nd Main, Kempegowda Nagar, Bangalore- 560057.
Office Address:- M/s Sri Krishna Mart, Proprietor :- Mr. Prashant B Poojary
No. 92, 1st Main, Near 4th Cross, Kempegowda Nagar, T Dasarahalli Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore- 560057
Outstanding Loan amount : Rs.1,80,93,866.25 (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six and Twenty Five Paisa Only) as on **15.04.2021** with interest charged up to **30.11.2020** with further interest and incidental expenses, costs.
Description of Immovable Property :

SCHEDULE – 'A' - LOAN A/C NO-06230610014806

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Outstanding as on 15.04.2021 (inclusive of interest up to 30.11.2020)
a)	Term Loan(s)	Rs.1,80,93,866.25 plus future interest, incidental expenses, charges, costs etc. from 01.12.2020.
b)	Aggregate Outstanding	**Rs.1,80,93,866.25 plus future interest, incidental expenses, charges, costs etc. from 01.12.2020.**

SCHEDULE – 'B'

(Details of Security Documents including all supplementary documents & Documents evidencing creation of Mortgage)

Sl.No.	Name of the Document	Nature of Security	Date of Execution	Amount Secured (Amt in Rs.)
1.	AHL-6	**Loan Agreement**	22.12.2015	2,50,00,000
2.	AHL-7	**Demand Promissory Note**	22.12.2015	2,50,00,000
3.	AHL-11	**Confirmation Letter regarding deposit of Title Deed**	23.12.2015	2,50,00,000
4.	EM FOLIO – (139-141 /VI)	**EMTD Creation**	23.12.2015	2,50,00,000
5.	MOTD- VJN-1-04881/2015-16	**MOTD Registration**	23.12.2015	2,50,00,000

SCHEDULE – 'C' - PART-II

EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY COMPRISING: Land & Building - TITLE/ SALE DEED NO:- 4880/2015-16, Dated: 23.12.2015 - All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing BBMP Site No.92, Katha No.81, formed in Survey No.56/7, Old site No.92, situated at T Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, previously within the limits of Dasarahalli CMC Ward No. 16, now comes under jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Ward No.15, Bangalore Measuring East to West: 60'-0" Feet and North to South: 40'-0" Feet, in all Measuring 2400 Sqft and Bounded on the : **East by :-** Road, **West by :-** Site No.95, **North by :-** Site No.93 and **South by :-** Site No.91. Together with A C Sheet roofed (2) Square house, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle wood doors and window with civic amenities of Electricity, water supply and Sanitary connections thereon. **IN THE NAME OF:1.Mr.PRASHANT B POOJARY, S/o Late. Mr. BIRMANNA POOJARI & 2.Mrs. PREETHI POOJARY, W/o Mr. PRASHANT B POOJARY.**
Demand Notice Date : 15.4.2021 NPA Date : 31.3.2021 Nature of Facility : Term Loan

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act 2002. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 20.4.2021
Place : Bangalore.
Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre
No.73, Shantharam Bestowal, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road,
Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru -560 027, Ph. No. 080-22114022/22114021
Email: sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned dates

The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the Borrowers** : **1) Sri. Uday N.** S/o. Sri. Narayanaswamy M.K. **(2) Smt. Shanti Uday** W/o. Sri. Uday N. (3) Sri. Varun Uday S/o. Sri. Uday N.(address for all) No. 463, 'Kaustuba', 14th Main, 2nd Cross, SBM Colony, Srinivasanagara, Bengaluru – 560 050. **Also at:** No. C-032, 3rd Floor, 'C' Block, "GRC Brundavan Apartments", Nayandanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli,Bengaluru - 560 039.
   Demand Notice date : 25.11.2020
   Balance as on that date was : Rs. 81,87,825/- (Rupees eighty one lakhs eighty seven thousand eight hundred twenty five only) as on 24-11-2020 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
   Possession Taken date : 16.04.2021
   Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.80,23,613/-(Rupees eighty lakhs twenty three thousand six hundred thirteen only) as on 12-04-2021 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
   Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Apartment No. C-032, 3rd Floor, 'C' Block, "GRC Brundavan Apartments" with Super Built up area of 1340 sq.ft. & 427 sq.ft. of Undivided Share along with one Car Parking - S.No. 25/4, BBMP Khata No. 25/4-2 situated at Nayandanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, standing in the name of Sri. Uday N. S/o. Sri. Narayanaswamy M.K.& Smt. Shanti Uday W/o. Sri. Uday N. **Bounded by: East** : ITI Layout / Flat No. C-033,**West** : Private Layout / Flat No. C-031, **North** ; Private Layout / Open space, **South:** Common Corridor / Road / Private Layout .

2. **Name of the Borrower : Sri. Deepak Kumar B**.S/o. Late G. Babu, No. A-402 A, Block 'A', 3rd Floor "Garden Residency", Sy. No. 108/2, Kachanayakanahalli - 562 106, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District
   Demand Notice date : 31.12.2020
   Balance as on that date was :Rs. 35,67,465/- (Rupees Thirty five lakhs sixty seven thousand four hundred sixty five only) as on 31-12-2020 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
   Possession Taken date : 17.04.2021
   Loan Outstanding amount : **Rs.36,40,800/-** (Rupees Thirty six lakhs forty thousand eight hundred only) as on 12-04-2021 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
   Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Flat No. A-402 A on Block 'A' in 3rd Floor Residential Apartment known as "Garden Residency" with Super Built up Are 1260 sq. ft. & 270 sq. ft. Undivided Share along with one reserved Car Parking space in schedule 'A' property i.e. property bearing Khatha No. 522/108/3 (previous portionof property bearing Khatha No. 522/108/2) Sy. No. 108/2 situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District. Standing in the name of Sri. Deepak Kumar B.S/o. Late G. Babu. **Bounded by: East :** Land in Sy. No. 108/2, **West** : Road, **North** :Road, **South** :Tank Bed.

3. **Name of the Borrower : Sri. Nagendra S.S.** S/o. Sri. Suri Bhat S.K. Flat No. GF 004, Block 'B', "Lotus Palace",6th Avenue Road, KPTCL Layout, Kasavanahalli, Varthur Hobli, Carmelaram, Bengaluru – 560 035
   Demand Notice date : 30.01.2021
   Balance as on that date was : Rs. 64,17,382/- (Rupees sixty four lakhs seventeen thousand three hundred eighty two only) as on 30-01-2021 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
   Possession Taken date : 17.04.2021
   Loan Outstanding amount : **Rs.65,09,000/-** (Rupees sixty five lakhs nine thousandonly) as on 12-04-2021 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
   Description of the immovable property: SCHEDULE "A": All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted Land bearing Sy. No. 1/3,1/4 &1/5 having BBMP Katha No. 4047 situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 103. Ad measuring 1 acre 36 guntas. **Bounded by:** East : Road, West :Sri. Munireddy Shyamanna, North : Private Property, South : Private Property.
   SCHEDULE "C": All that piece and parcel of the residential property being Two Bed room with vitrified flooring – Apartment bearing Flat No. 004 in Block 'B' constructed corresponding to schedule 'A' property situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 103 having a super built up area of 1288 sq. ft on the Ground Floor, along one covered Car Parking space in the basement in project known as "Lotus Palace" standing in the name of Sri. Nagendra S.S. S/o. Suri Bhat S.K.

Date :17.04.2021
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, RACPC Lalbagh Bengaluru

Allowing the appeal filed by Bank of Baroda, the Karnataka High Court granted temporary injunction, restraining businessman Dr BR Shetty and his wife or their agents from alienating or transferring movable assets in their bank accounts

HC gives TS govt 48 hrs to take decision on lockdown

Takes govt to task for half-hearted approach to control Covid spread

No need for another lockdown: Eatala

Even as the high court wanted imposition of weekend lockdown, Health Minister Eatala Rajender, however, felt that there was no need for another lockdown in the State. After a visit to MGM Hospital in Warangal, where there was a sudden explosion of Covid-19 cases during the last couple of days, the Minister said: "There is no need for lockdown. We are taking all preventive measures to rein in Covid-19. We have necessary medicines and beds in all hospitals to take care of the Covid-19 patients."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

THE Telangana High Court on Monday warned the State government that if it does not impose weekend lockdown and night curfew within 48 hours, it would be forced to issue orders to this effect.

The high court, which took the State government to task for its half-hearted approach to control the spread of Covid-19, wanted to know why it was not taking any measures to control the milling crowds on roads even though the positive cases have been going up steeply.

When the court asked for a report containing the measures being taken to rein in Covid-19 by April 22, the Advocate General pleaded that three days time was not enough. The court, cutting him short, asked the government do what it can in three days and the court would do the rest.

When the Advocate General tried to explain that the government was monitoring the situation carefully, the court remained unsatisfied and said that the urgent requirement was action and not just monitoring. It wanted to know if bars, pubs and liquor shops were so important to the government that it was even taking the risk of Covid-19 spreading to more number of people.

> There seems to be no way of getting help from the government if an entire family contracts the infection
>
> Telangana High Court

When the court met in the morning, it expressed its dissatisfaction over the way the government was handling the Covid-19 situation and asked the AG whether it wanted to top the list of states in Covid-19 positive cases.

When the court met in the afternoon, it again read the riot act to the government, asking why it was reluctant to control crowds at weddings, cinema halls and funerals, which had led to people losing trust in the government in handling the pandemic. The government has not yet constituted ward-wise committees to estimate the spread of the infection in each division in Hyderabad.

There seems to be no way of getting help from the government if an entire family contracts the infection, the court said. The court also wanted Covid-19 tests be done on those entering the State through borders. It also called for RT-PCR tests done in the State every day.

Kerala declares night curfew from today

NO CLASSES FOR 1 TO 9

Vijayawada :In view of an increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the state during the covid second wave, the Andhra Pradesh government announced the suspension of classwork for I to IX classes in the state from Tuesday. However, examinations for SSC and Intermediate will be held as scheduled Disclosing it to mediapersons, after a review meeting with Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday, minister for education Audimulapu Suresh said the decision to suspend classwork for I to IX classes has been taken to ensure children do not get infected. As the academic year is now deemed completed for these classes, there will be no annual exam. He observed that in spite of precautions to conduct classes in schools, a few students might have been infected during transportation.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

TO RESTRICT crowding and people's movement, the state government has decided to impose a two-week night curfew — 9pm to 5pm — from Tuesday.

A meeting chaired by Chief Secretary V P Joy, however, decided to allow emergency travelling at night by private vehicles. Public transport will not be disrupted. Curbs will be imposed on the counting day of polls. Victory celebrations have been banned. Three lakh tests will be conducted in the state on Wednesday and Thursday.

As many as 13,644 fresh cases were reported on Monday, after 87,275 samples were tested. Test positivity rate was 15.63%. On Sunday, 18,257 new patients were added to the list after 1,08,898 samples were tested.

The meeting also decided to reduce the working hours of malls and theatres by one-and-a-half hours. They will have to down shutters at 7.30pm. Entry into shopping malls will be restricted by strictly adhering to Covid protocol. Restrictions will also be brought in at the places of worship. Work-from-home system will be brought back for government and private employees and department heads have been asked to work on the options.

The Cherai beach near Kochi which was shut down on Sunday | ARUN ANGELA

While private tuition has been stopped, online classes will continue. State government meetings will also be held online.

Relaxations in restrictions will be announced as and when the situation improves, the chief secretary said. Those who flout Covid protocol will be seriously dealt with, he added..

Meanwhile, Despite the surge in Covid cases, the state will go ahead with the ongoing SSLC and Higher Secondary Plus Two examinations.

The Director of General Education has issued a detailed set of instructions for strict implementation of Covid protocol in exam centres across the state.

Temperature checks using infra-red thermometers before entry into exam centres and making triple layer masks compulsory for teaching and non teaching staff, and if possible for the candidates as well, are among the precautions to be taken.

7 patients die, kin say oxygen supply snapped

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vellore

SEVEN patients in the Covid ward and other critical care wards at the Government Vellore Medical College Hospital (GVMCH) at Adukkamparai in Vellore district died under mysterious circumstances on Monday. While relatives of the victims said the oxygen supply was snapped, government authorities asserted that the deaths were due to clinical conditions. Three of the deceased were in the Covid ward. Angry relatives of the victims blamed the hospital authorities, alleging they failed to save the lives of patients. "There was no oxygen supply. When we asked the doctors, they said technicians were attending to the problem," said Vinoth, a relative of a patient in a critical care ward.

KCR tests Covid positive

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday and is currently in home isolation at his farmhouse in Erravalli village. According to a press release issued by Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, the Chief Minister had mild symptoms on Sunday but there were no symptoms at all on Monday. ENS

Police personnel offer a gun salute for lexicographer G Venkatasubbaiah, during the last rites in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

CENTENARIAN LEXICOGRAPHER G VENKATASUBBAIAH NO MORE

G VENKATASUBBAIAH 1913-2021

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

RENOWNED lexicographer Professor Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah, fondly known as Prof GV, died at a private hospital in Bengaluru early on Monday. He was 107. Prof GV had been a strong opponent of Hindi imposition, which, according to him, would affect every south Indian language.

A full sixty years of his life went into compiling eight volumes of the Kannada dictionary, running into 10,000 pages, which is the biggest for any Indian language dictionary. While the first volume was finally printed in 1970, the eighth and final volume appeared in 1995.

During his college days, when he was pursuing MA in Kannada, Venkatasubbaiah was inspired by noted poet and writer B M Srikantaiah who had visited as an examiner for Prof GV's viva-voce examination. ''After asking questions for more than one-and-a-half hours, BM Sri had said Kannada should be taken to a different level by young people like me. This was in the late 1930s. This stayed with me and I always wanted to do something for the language I loved," Prof GV had told The New Indian Express in an earlier interview.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, condoled the death in a tweet, stating, "The demise of Professor G Venkatasubbaiah has left a huge void in Kannada literature. He was a prolific writer and thinker who made many efforts to popularise Kannada. He was passionate about his work and inspired many youngsters. Condolences to his family and admirers."

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and other ministers too express their grief. Venkatasubbaiah's last rites were conducted with full state honours.

Born on August 23, 1913, Prof GV hailed from Mudagandur village in Mandya district. His grandfather Narasimha Jois was a Sanskrit scholar and his father Ganjam Thimmannaiah was a Kannada and Sanskrit scholar. Venkatasubbaiah, who had a Master's degree in Kannada was a writer, grammarian, editor, lexicographer, and critic. He also taught at Mysuru, Bengaluru and Davanagere.

In 1943, when a committee was formed under the chairmanship of A R Krishnamurthy to compile a Kannada dictionary, Prof GV was among the scholars who would pick words from various Kannada literary works, right from Pampa to K V Puttappa. After the first volume of the dictionary was published, GV was assigned to take it forward.

From traditional to the new-era Kannada, Prof GV successfully documented the richness of the language. He was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri, the Pampa award and also the Kendra Sahitya Akademi's literary honour, 'Basha Sanman', for south zone.

He had presided over the 77th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held in Bengaluru in 2011. He had earlier pointed out that many new words have emerged in Kannada and this is going to be a constant change. If the government decides, then there is a scope for another volume of the Kannada dictionary, he had said.

WHEN GV MET THE MAHATMA

Tumakuru: Lexicographer G Venkatasubbaiah, who passed away on Monday, had fond memories of Madhugiri, where he studied high school and also got an opportunity to meet Mahatma Gandhi in 1927. "Gandhi was in Madhugiri for a fund-raiser organised by Congressman Ranga Iyengar. The Mahatma was astonished by the town's generosity, as people, especially women, donated their personal ornaments," GV, as he was popularly known, had shared this anecdote with reporters some years ago. "After a public event, I met Gandhiji at the Travellers' Bungalow as I was assigned the task of taking care of his necessities. Bapu handed over a khadi garland to me and asked me to keep it on the table. Gandhiji's touch at that moment remained in my memory forever," he had added. GV's father Ganjam Thimmaniah was the Kannada pundit at the school, where Infosys founder N R Narayan Murthy too studied.

HEROIN WORTH ₹3,000 CR SEIZED OFF KERALA COAST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Indian Navy intercepted a Sri Lankan fishing vessel in the Arabian Sea off Kerala coast on Sunday night and seized narcotic drugs worth ₹3,000 crore. Officers aboard patrol vessel INS Suvarna intercepted the boat on suspicion and found 300kg of heroin concealed in its storage tank. The vessel was seized and brought to Kochi port on Monday.

Narcotics Control Bureau and other agencies are interrogating the five detained Sri Lankan crew members.

It was the third major seizure by the Navy and Coast Guard off Kerala coast during the past two months. While a fishing boat was intercepted off Vizhinjam coast on March 7 and seized 300kg heroin, three Sri Lankan fishing boats were seized on March 18 off Lakshadweep coast. The Coast Guard seized 300kg of heroin, AK 47 rifles and 1,000 rounds from the boats.

The latest haul is big not only in terms of quantity and cost, but also in terms of disrupting the narcotics smuggling routes emanating from Makran coast in Pakistan, Navy said in a release.

"The narcotics flow from Makran to the Indian, Maldivian and Sri Lankan destinations. The spoils of narcotics trade feed syndicates involved in terrorism, radicalisation and criminal activities," the release added.

Government of Karnataka
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag
Phone : 08372-297213 e-mail : gimsgadag@gmail.com
No: GIMS/Tender/ /2020-21 Date : 31.03.2021

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender are Invited for Repair of electrical works to Block A & Block B Quarters and Providing additional 2nd 5MVA, 33/11 KV Power Transformer at 33/11KV Sub Station Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences and Teaching Hospital. Gadag. Tender Notification has been uploaded in E-Portal No: ME/GIMS/2020-21/Electrical01 & ME/GIMS/2020-21/Electrical02 ((http://wwweproc.karnataka.gov.in) Bidders can visit above web site from **31.03.2021** to **30.04.2021** by evening 4:00, PM, (Approx Tender Amount Rs. **1.42** Crore & Rs. **1.47** Crores) If any queries contact below Signed Person in time of Govt Working Days.

Sd/- Director,
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences,
DIP/Gadag/MCA/32/2021-22 Gadag

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
ACL, PO&M Division
Yelwal, Mysuru - 571130, Tel: 0821-2402154 Fax:0821-2403064

BRIEF TENDER NOTICE

Chief Engineer, BARC-Mysuru, invites on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced contractor with sound financial &technical capacity for the following work:

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/ACL/PVK/2021-22/404**
Name of work	**Technical assistance in routine non-active analysis**
Estimated Cost	**Rs. 3,87,000/-**
Period of Completion	**8 Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Submit bid security declaration form in hard copy.**
Cost of Tender Document	**Rs.500/- (Non-refundable)**
Sale of Tender Documents	From **19-04-2021** to **27-04-2021.** at **10:30 AM** to **3:00 PM**

Interested bidders may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details,which can be downloaded from web site **www.barc.gov.in**

Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of President of India

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Friday 30-04-2021 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

ANEKAL 080-27830505 **FEDGL0088**0001316, 0001365, 0001372, 0001432, 000158, 0001639, 000169, 0001704, 0001725, 0001749, 0001750, 0001766, 0001778, 0001784, 0001813 **ARAKALGUD** 08175-220780 **FEDGL00360**003312, 0003220, 0003277, 0003462, 0003563, 0004112, 0004259, 0004531, 0004637, 0004687, 0004705, 0004763, 0004800, 0005024, 0005057, 0005058, 0005066, 0005083, 000508, 0005103, 0005120, 0005126, 0005202, 0005201 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0003392 , 0003421, 0003473, 0003518, 0003543, 0003593, 0003595, 000359, 000372, 0003811, 000381, 0003818, 0003876, 0003893 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 8041900282 **FEDGL0011**0006378 , 0006388, 0006418, 0006552, 0006786 **Belgaum** 0831-4201487 **FEDGL01360**000860 , 0000901, 0001233, 0001254, 0001407, 000159, 0001603, 0001622, 0001671, 0001669, 000166, 0001683, 0001713 **BELUR** 8177222100 **FEDGL0159**0004067, , 0004815, 000486, 0004880, 0004911, 0005078, 0005112, 0005215, 0005284, 0005341, 0005345, 0005421, 0005420, 000541, 0005453, 0005488, 0005497 **BOMMANAHALLI** 8041500417**FEDGL0014**0004237, , 0004593, 0004594, 0004719, 0004778, 0004822, 0004827, 0004888, 0004910, 000491, 0004924, 0004951, 0004957 **BTM LAYOUT** 080-41312231 **FEDGL0003**0003056 , 0003153, 0003321, 0003392, 0003661, 0003720, 0003736, 0003748, 0003755, 0003746, 0003756, 0003761, 0003762, 0003759, 0003760, 0003775, 0003773, 0003782, 0003787 **Byadgi** 8375229022 **FEDGL0051**0002012, 0002127, 0002996, 0003289, 0003609, 0003627, 0003658, 000365, 0003678, 0003727, 0003747, 0003780, 000387, 0003923, 0003968 **Caltex Circle** 8162277972 **FEDGL0102** 0002735 , 0002827, 0003334, 0003431, 0003432, 0003433, 0003683, 0003762, 000391, 0003939, 0003996, 0004064, 0004071, 0004105 **Car Street Bellary** 8392276005 **FEDGL0092**0001281, 0001338, 0001371, 0001421 **CHANNAPATNA** 8027256046 **FEDGL0176**0007431, 0007691, 0007696,0007864, 0008362, 0008803, 0008845, 0008876, 0008881, 0008998, 0009054, 0009135, 0009584, 0009652, 0009987, 0010166, 0010276, 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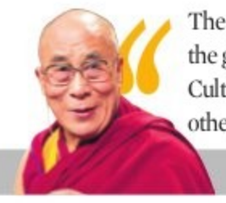

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WISDOM IN HINDSIGHT AFTER SECOND WAVE CAUGHT US OFF-GUARD

That the second wave of the virus has caught us off-guard, unmasking our complacency, needs no further underlining. In a nation of India's size and population density, and with Sars-Cov-2's potency and notorious ability to mutate, there was no scope for taking the eye off the ball. But that's what we did: we gave free visa on arrival to the UK variant (B.1.1.7), the California variant (B.1.427 & 429), the South African variant (B.1.351), just to cite a few. The Union home minister, in defence of his continuing campaign rallies, pointed out that it's not the states that went into elections, like Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, West Bengal (ongoing), which have shown a surge. It's Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Kerala, where inbound 'NRIs' carried the mutants—there's a deadly double mutant too—causing cases to skyrocket. He went on to highlight that these states had no Mahakumbh either.

But the question remains, why this wisdom in hindsight? Why was no planning done to restrict the inflow of air traffic? Why was compulsory quarantine and testing not mandated? Can the Centre wash its hands of and leave planning and firefighting entirely to the states? That has not been evident in its intent so far, beginning from last March. Full Central control was kept even on the vaccination drive. It's only now that vaxxing has been opened up to all above 18 years of age, and import of other vaccines allowed. All after some states had run out of vaccines, while others scream for more oxygen, hospital beds, remdesivir (even if its use in the treatment protocol is debatable). Why were facilities not enhanced? No one really knows what may happen when the millions from the Kumbh return home. The mutated version of the virus is said to be less lethal. But the crematoriums say some other story. They also seem to be funeral pyres for ideas.

CRONYISM AND GREED IN EURO FOOTBALL

On the gates of Anfield, one of football's most iconic landmarks, there hung a poster in black on Monday morning. "Shame On You," it read. "R.I.P LFC 1892-2021". That broadly summed up the prevailing sentiments over the actions of a select few of Europe's most storied clubs—right from 13-time Champions League winners Real Madrid, Barcelona, Juventus to Tottenham Hotspur, which last won the domestic league 60 years ago—on Sunday night.

Riding on the backing of a financial institution, the self-serving nature and overwhelming avarice of a select few clubs is finally out in the open. After threatening to break away and form a European League where the smaller clubs wouldn't have a chance for decades, the select few finally did so on Sunday. It has the propensity to create elitism that might ruin the very structure of a level-playing field in domestic competitions. To be fair, this has been in the works for a long time. But it still doesn't make it any less seismic. It is a power grab, aimed at nothing but to make the rich even richer while essentially killing the European top-tier club structure as we know it.

Under the new system, the 12 founding members, along with a handful of other clubs, will play matches against each other before advancing to the knockouts. To do this—playing against the same few clubs season after season—the founding clubs are promised more than $375mn even before kicking a ball. No wonder all the billionaires who own these clubs immediately signed on to this project. This is also appealing because there is no jeopardy anymore, no consequences if you are badly run or poorly managed. No anxiety of relegation. You will still get to play against the top teams, get the best TV deals and keep money flowing through the books. The details are still sketchy and legal battles could run for the next few months, with some leagues threatening to ban the clubs from playing in their own domestic competition. But one thing is for sure—supporting a club will not be the same. On the surface, it looks like cronyism of the extreme kind. It does drive home one truth—sports is also about money after all.

The Fourth Eelam War ended back in 2009. But for the women left behind, the battle for survival still continues

CONTINUING TRAGEDY OF WAR WIDOWS IN LANKA

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Thomas Hawkins, in his poem, *The Tragedy of War*, has written: "The tragedy of war, ends not with those who died, for the tragedy continues in fragile minds, who did survive". The poem epitomises the sad plight of 70,000 war widows, mainly concentrated in the northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka.

The Fourth Eelam War ended in 2009. But for the women left behind, the battle for survival continues. In the Tamil areas, the death squads of the government took away many young men, who "disappeared" leaving behind their wives and children as orphans. According to Thomson Reuters Foundation, Nathkulasimham Nesemalhar, 54, took a flight from Colombo to Muscat in March 2017. She was happy she had a boarding pass as she hoped that by working as a housemaid, with a monthly salary of ₹30,000, she would be able to repay debts and her three children could lead a normal life. But her hopes turned into a nightmare. When she arrived in Oman, she found she was enslaved with other women in a dimly lit room, with no ventilation. She was taken every day to different houses, to work from morning to night, and brought back and locked again. Nesemalhar said, "There were 15 of us. We never got paid". Finally, they were brought back to Sri Lanka when the government intervened.

Nesemalhar's case is not unique. The lack of opportunities for self-employment is making Tamil widows victims of human traffickers who sell them as slaves in West Asian countries. Reports of physical and mental abuse are common. Women are reluctant to speak about sexual abuse and rape, fearing shame and stigma. Since it is easy for Muslims to get jobs in West Asia, Hindu women marry Muslims, become the second or third wife of someone, get a passport and proceed to West Asian countries to lead a life of misery and toil.

It is not only the Tamil women who were rendered widows. Hundreds of Sinhalese soldiers died during the ethnic conflict and their wives became widows. They are eligible for pension benefits equivalent to their husband's last salary. There is no equivalent treatment of Tamil widows.

According to UNDP estimates, Sri Lanka still ranks high in terms of human development index, better than other South Asian countries. Because of the war, the Northern Province remains one of the least developed parts. More than a fifth of the 2,50,000 households in the Northern Province are headed by widows, who have become breadwinners. The maternal mortality rate is 30% against 22% for the whole country. M L A M Hizbullah, the then Deputy Minister for Women's Affairs and Child Development, admitted in September 2010 that the government had a list of 89,000 war widows—49,000 in the Eastern Province and 40,000 in the Northern Province. Among them were 12,000 below the age of 40 and 8,000 who had three children.

The government has done very little to improve the situation. Widows have to produce the death certificate of their husbands to receive ₹50,000 as compensation. The widows, in most cases, cannot produce death certificates, especially those of the "disappeared". The rest are given ₹150 per month, not even sufficient to meet a day's expenditure.

I was able to persuade Somi Hazari (who unfortunately died last month), a businessman involved in export-import trade with Sri Lanka, to chalk out a plan of action for starting poultry farms in the Eastern Province. The mother hens would be exported from India, assistance would be provided for starting the poultry farms, and eggs and chickens would be bought every day and sold throughout the country. If implemented it would have provided a decent income to many households. The only hitch, according to Somi, is the government rule that mother hens cannot be imported from India. The Sri Lankan diplomats based in Chennai and New Delhi assured us that the ban would be lifted. The ban has not gone even today and Somi's plan of action fizzled out.

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Prabhakaran's war strategy, in many ways, contributed to the present situation. During the fairly long spell of the ceasefire, 2002-06, he allowed the guerrillas to go home and get married. Once they started family life and had children, their revolutionary zeal began to wane. Milinda Moragoda, the astute Sinhalese politician who was involved in negotiations with Anton Balasingham during the ceasefire period, told me that a prolonged ceasefire would bring out into the open all the contradictions within the LTTE. The Eastern guerrillas raised the banner of revolt because they felt that the northern leaders were using them as cannon fodder. Later they made common cause with the Sri Lankan government. Prabhakaran's supply lines were destroyed, thanks to the inputs made by the Indian intelligence agencies. The crimes committed by the Tigers—the assassination of moderate Tamil leaders and using women and children as shields against army reprisals—disproved its claim that it was a national liberation organisation. The LTTE was forced to retreat from place to place and finally got decimated in May 2009.

The sad aspect of the present situation is the fact that India, especially Tamil Nadu, is not doing anything substantial to wipe the tears of the Tamil war widows. I have been pleading with the Tamil Nadu unit of the BJP that it should send a team to Lanka's north and the east, study the problems in depth, and chalk out and implement self-employment measures for these unfortunate women. Whenever I spoke to them, the leaders would nod their heads in approval, but no follow-up measures were taken. Like other Dravidian parties, they also make fiery speeches "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing".

"What we call the beginning," T S Eliot wrote, "is always the end". Let me, therefore, conclude from the poem that I quoted in the beginning. "So I say to leaders of this world, this nightmare should be gone, please realise once and for all, that a war is never won".

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KASHMIR: A FORGOTTEN HISTORY – I

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Despite Kashmir's prominence in public discourse in this country, her stark absence from historical discourse—from course curricula, textbooks and research programmes in mainstream history departments across India—tells a tale. This astonishing academic neglect of a region which, over the millennia, played an extraordinary role in Indian civilisation, has, in no small measure, given rise to a host of misconceptions and misrepresentations. Some of these have dovetailed with separatist politics, which may go a considerable way in explaining the silence on Kashmir's historical identity, especially her long and rich ancient past. In this series starting today, let us attempt to redress this knowledge vacuum by delving into some essential aspects of 2,000 years of the formative history of this prodigious land.

It bears emphasis that the identity of a community or a region is not constructed overnight but formed organically over the *longue durée*. Further, as the 'connected histories' paradigm tells us, regions do not emerge or exist in isolation but in a network of shaping interactions with other regions or a supra region. But when the historical identity of a region so formed is forgotten or denied in the service of conflict, the community involved disintegrates. Kashmir in recent decades has been in the grip of a similar process of loss through violence. Terrorism in the Valley unleashed, and was predicated on, a denial and erasure of the open, plural and dynamic history of Kashmir, deracinating in the process the Kashmiri community and propping up a fundamentalist narrative and agenda which, in their closed and exclusionist character, were far removed from the history of the land and its people, as we will see.

One of the pillars of this false narrative has been the refrain that Kashmir was never a part of India historically or culturally. Even among the handful of scholars who did write on ancient Kashmir and should have known better, the deep-rooted assumption has been that Kashmir was somehow hermetically sealed off from the Indian mainland and therefore developed a cultural insularity and 'uniqueness'. In ironic corollary, every aspect of its culture was thought, retrojectively, to have non-Indic origins and influences. Nothing could be further from the truth.

One look at cultural markers of identity and mobility in Kashmir from at least the 5th century BCE onwards till the early medieval period—material culture, textual representations, foreign accounts, inscriptions, language, art, religion, philosophy—attests overwhelmingly to how early Kashmir was never isolated or insular, but incredibly open and cosmopolitan; and overwhelmingly Indic in her genesis and composition rather than 'unique'. In other words, despite the fact that Kashmir bordered multiple cultural regimes—Iranian, Sogdian, Tibeto-Burman and Indic—she was hardly a cultural hybrid, but clearly epitomised the Indic for two millennia. What follows are the connected histories of Kashmir and the rest of India, which the world has conveniently forgotten.

First the macro picture. As we have seen in my columns earlier, there was a clear idea of India in existence long before the British colonised us—and Kashmir is always a part of it! Thus it will surprise many that the earliest Sanskrit text to define 'Bharatavarsha', the *Mahabharata* (starting 4th century BCE), already includes by name the people of Kashmir (*Kashmirah*) as belonging to India, alongside dozens of other *janas* inhabiting this land.

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This inclusive enumeration is seen again in the encyclopaedic *Brhat Samhita* (6th century CE), which describes the many parts and peoples of India in one sweep, from Kashmir and Gandhara (Peshawar) to Dravidas, Kerala and Karnataka, and Assam, Odisha and Bengal to Saurashtra. Thereafter, the *mahapuranas* repeat this anthropological feat.

Later, resident Indo-Persian voices were saying the same thing. In the 14th century, Amir Khusrau named the Kashmiri tongue as among the languages of 'Hind' (*hindawi*), alongside Sanskrit, Sindhi, Punjabi, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada and Tamil. And in the 16th century, the Mughals not only saw Kashmir as a part of 'Hindustan', but their historian Abul Fazl made it a point to distinguish Hindustan's northern boundaries from Iran, Turan and China.

If this is how insiders understood the location of Kashmir, outsiders to India believed no differently. Thus Xuan Zang, the 7th century Chinese pilgrim, in his first person account of travels through 'Indu', speaks of Kashmir and its capital Srinagari at length. In the 11th century, Iranian Al biruni described north Kashmir's Sharada peeth as among the top three shrines of entire 'Hind'. And 16th through 18th century, Tibetan Buddhist chroniclers such as Lama Taranath named their ancient gurus from Kashmir as coming from India, which they called 'rGyagar' or 'Phagsyul'.

And yet, perhaps the most graphic historical testimony remains the pan-Indic voyages of Shankaracharya. This 8th century Indian seer-intellectual undertook, we are told, three famous tours of philosophical conquest of the land, intensely debating the varied local scholarship across the length and breadth of this country. And each time, setting out from his home in Kaladi, Kerala, he consciously chose none other than Kashmir—specifically the Sharada peeth known as the seat of all learning (*sarvagya peeth*)—as the fitting culmination and validation of his scholarly travels! The ancient Shankaracharya temple at Srinagar still stands witness to this epic visit as also to the breathtaking centrality of Kashmir in the far north of India to the imagination of its far south, and vice versa.

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Retrograde step by Centre

The report that the Centre will not extend the Covid insurance cover for healthcare workers is distressing. It is a retrograde step and has come at a time when the second wave is sweeping across the country.

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A huge demotivator

Though healthcare workers do not answer the call of extremely dangerous Covid duty just for incentives like the insurance cover, the move is bound to send them the wrong signal. It will be a huge demotivator.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Easing hospital shortages

The Centre's decision to ban oxygen supply for industrial purposes at a time when hospitals are running short due to Covid is a wise one. This will help ease the shortage in hospitals.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Step up oxygen production

At a time when hospitals are running short on oxygen for Covid patients, the Centre's decision is great. Manufacturers should also step up production of medical oxygen. The government must clear the necessary permissions for increasing the volume of production.

S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Remdesivir in black market

It is disheartening that the life-saving drug Remdesivir is being hoarded and sold at inflated rates in the black market. In these trying times, people should be supplying the drug for free if possible. Trying to make profits during the second wave is distasteful.

Rajakumar Arulanandam, Palayamkottai

Follow Rahul's example

The example set by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to suspend all further poll rallies of his party in West Bengal is appropriate. It would be in the fitness of things if the BJP and TMC follow suit.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Bring peace to Afghanistan

This is with reference to *The torturous road towards peace in Af* (Apr 19). The decision of the US and NATO to withdraw their troops by September 11 and the bilateral meeting between the Taliban and the Afghanistan government by the end of this month are crucial for bringing peace to the nation.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Prevent Pak mischief

One wonders where Afghanistan will be headed now. The UN and US should do something to prevent nations like Pakistan from causing more trouble.

Bijumon P N, Idukki

Don't manipulate rupee

This is with reference to *Does devaluing our currency help exports?* (Apr 19). In the long run, devaluing one's currency actually decelerates exports. The author has rightly emphasised setting the value of the rupee through market forces instead of by manipulation.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Hope for female CJI soon

It seems the new Collegium is considering the names of a few female judges for the Supreme Court, which is great. One hopes we will see a female Chief Justice of India soon.

V Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

P Chidambaram, @PChidambaram_IN
What is so important about these rallies that the PM himself has to address them? Is it because of fear that the BJP is losing the election?

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
I am deeply anguished that my friend of 53 years Manmohan Singh has been admitted AIIMS Covid infection. My prayers are with him

Mukul Roy @MukulR_Official
The Central Govt under the strong leadership of the Hon'ble PM @narendramodi Jiis committed to eradicate the threat of covid

NATIONAL STATS

10 states/UTs
report **no death** in last 24 hours: Ladakh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Tripura, Sikkim, Mizoram, Manipur, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Arunachal Pradesh

10 states/UTs
account for **78.58%** of new cases: Maharashtra, UP, Delhi, Rajasthan, TN, Karnataka, Gujarat, Kerala, MP and Chhattisgarh

1.19% is the national mortality rate

COVID LABS

RT-PCR labs	1,421
TruNat-based testing labs	906
CBNAAT-based testing labs	133
Others	04
Total	2,464

VACCINATION

12,38,52,566
Total

10,73,71,770
1st dose

1,64,80,796
2nd dose

MAIN BENEFICIARIES

India, UAE discuss Covid

New Delhi: EAM S Jaishankar held discussions on post Covid economy recovery with his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. "Another productive interaction with FM @ABZayed on our bilateral cooperation. Took forward our ongoing discussions on this subject, starting in February. The strong focus on post-COVID economic recovery will remain a priority for us," the external affairs minister tweeted late on Sunday night. However, there was no meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

An ambulance carrying a Covid-19 patient being attended by medical workers in Ahmedabad on Monday | PTI

Cases of breathlessness higher in 2nd wave: Govt

70% of patients above 40 in both waves, drop in need for ventilators

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

SETTING aside concerns that more younger people may be catching the infection and succumbing to it in the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, the government on Monday said there was no significant difference in the two waves, but added that more people are needing supplemental oxygen this time round.

The data presented by three senior-most members of the national Covid-19 task force — Niti Aayog member V K Paul, ICMR director general Balram Bhargava and AIIMS-Delhi director Randeep Guleria — at a press conference showed that over 70 per cent patients in hospitals — during both first and second wave — continue to be those above 40 years of age. The statistics showed that the need for supplemental oxygen was higher — over 54 per cent in hospitalised patients in the second wave, while it was about 41 per cent in the first wave.

The need for ventilators, however, has come down during the second wave with only 27.8 per cent of those admitted in hospitals needing it as compared to over 37 per cent who required it during the first wave. The findings are based on clinical and demographic details from 9,485 patients across 40 hospitals in India between the month of September-November and March-April. The comparison has been made based on the higher number of patients in the first wave as compared to the ongoing wave.

"Older population continues to be more vulnerable to be admitted in the hospital in the current wave," said Bhargava while sharing the data.

A higher number of asymptomatic individuals got admitted this year, than a higher proportion of patients admitted with breathlessness, he said, adding that asymptomatic and mild illness can be managed at home. "Similar trends are being seen across all the states because this is a countrywide data of a national registry data which has been collected of only hospitalised patients, so this is 10,000 hospitalised patients that are being analysed," said Bhargava.

Some experts, however, pointed out that to arrive at meaningful inference from this analysis one would need to consider if these data are comparable. "The rates of transmission at each of these 40 sites need to be considered. A hospital in a district with low transmission is likely to see fewer severe cases, whereas when the transmission is very high a large number of people will be seeking hospitalisation," said public health researcher Oommen John.

"The numbers that are considered in the denominator of the second wave is just 15 per cent of the total sample size," he said. He added that if less symptomatic are presenting to hospital during the second wave as per this analysis, why is there an increase in demand for beds, ICUs, ventilators or oxygen?

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

70% of patients in hospitals— during the first and second wave — continue to be those above 40 years of age

OLDER POPULATION CONTINUES TO BE MORE VULNERABLE

NEED FOR OXYGEN

41% in hospitalised patients in first wave

54% in hospitalised patients in second wave

PATIENTS AFTER OPENING UP OF ACTIVITIES

VENTILATOR REQUIREMENT

37% 1ST WAVE

27.8% 2ND WAVE

ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

Higher proportion of admitted patients presented with breathlessness

Higher requirement of supplemental oxygen

No difference in the percentage of deaths

Similar trends seen in all states

(Data: September 2020–April 9, 2021)

Manmohan tests positive, Modi wishes speedy recovery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

FORMER prime minister Manmohan Singh tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi with a mild fever on Monday afternoon.

Singh, 88, has been admitted to the AIIMS trauma centre, which is a dedicated Covid facility, sources said, adding his condition is stable. They said Singh had a mild fever in the morning and later tested positive for the Covid-19. The doctors are monitoring his condition. Singh had taken both the doses of Covid-19 vaccine.

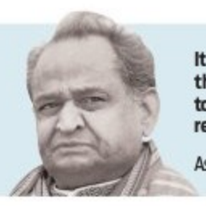
Wishes for the speedy recovery of the Congress veteran poured in following his hospitalisation.

"Wishing our former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh Ji good health and a speedy recovery," Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted.

"Wishing you a speedy recovery. India needs your guidance and advice in this difficult time," former Congress president Rahul Gandhi wrote on Twitter.

Former Union minister P Chidambaram, chief ministers Ashok Gehlot, Amarinder Singh and Mamata Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma, TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and several other leaders expressed concern over Singh's health and voiced hope that he will recover soon.

TMC is saying a lot of things about Covid management. Did Mamata ji attend the meetings of all the CMs with the PM on Covid? The answer is no
Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister



It is unfortunate and condemnable on the part of the Union health minister to have written a politically motivated reply to the former prime minister
Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

I would urge everyone not to panic. We have formed a task force to tackle the COVID-19 surge. We have increased the number of beds, safe homes
Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

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EMPLOYEES OF BANKS DIED IN SECOND WAVE IN GUJARAT

UK PM cancels visit, India added to travel ban list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AMID the rise in coronavirus cases, United Kingdom Prime Minister **Boris Johnson** for the second time this year has called off his trip to India on Monday, the day it was also confirmed that the country has been added to the UK's Covid-19 travel ban "red list".

Johnson was scheduled to visit India on a two-day trip from April 25. Johnson and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will now hold a virtual meeting, for which the date is yet to be finalised.

"In view of the prevailing Covid situation, it has been decided by mutual agreement that the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom will not visit India next week. The two sides will be holding a virtual meeting in the coming days to launch "plans for a transformed India-UK relationship," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a statement.

Speaking about the cancellation of his trip, the UK PM said it was only sensible to do it and that everybody has a massive amount of sympathy with India and what they are going through. "I will speak to PM Modi on Monday. We are trying to do as much as we can virtually. The relationship between the UK and India is of huge importance. We will try and replicate as much as we can remotely and then look forward to doing it in person as and when circumstances allow," he said.

Asked if India would be added to the 'red list' of countries, which imposes an effective travel ban and compulsory 10-day hotel quarantine for any returning UK and Irish residents, Johnson said was very much a matter for the independent UK Health Security Agency. They will have to take that decision.That decision came soon after as UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock told MPs in the House of Commons that effective 4 am local time on Friday, there will be travel ban in place for India.

This is the second time this year that Johnson has cancelled his trip to India. In January, owing to the rising cases in the UK, the UK prime minister called off his visit to India where he was scheduled to be the chief guest at the Republic Day function.

Last week, 10 Downing Street had announced that Johnson would cut short his trip to India owing to the rise of cases.

Hong Kong suspends all flights to India till May 3

Hong Kong has suspended all flights arriving from India from Tuesday till May 3. Apart from India, the Hong Kong authorities have also suspended flights coming from Pakistan and the Philippines. The decision came after around 50 passengers in two Vistara flights tested positive for coronavirus upon arrival

Insurance benefit for kin of only 20% of deceased docs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FAMILIES of only 168 doctors, out of at least 756 who died during Covid-19 duty in India, have benefitted from the Rs 50 lakh insurance coverage provided by the Centre so far, according to data from the Indian Medical Association.

It means families of only about one in five doctors who succumbed to the disease got their claims settled, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package, announced for nearly 22 lakh healthcare workers last year. The total number of claims settled is 287, which suggests that families of only 119 healthcare workers across other categories have benefitted from this. The IMA, largest body of doctors in India, said due to "stringent norms and the continued apathy in various administrative ladders", only 168 doctors could receive the benefit.

The Centre, in response to questions in the Parliament, said on several occasions that it does not have data of either doctors or other healthcare workers who died while performing Covid-19 duties.

In a letter to Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, the association sought extension of the insurance scheme for six more months, speeding up and easing out of the procedural bottlenecks and assurance that all healthcare professionals are "recognised, honoured as martyrs and adequately compensated for their dedicated services and comfort for their families with motherly attitude."

137 HCWs across other categories benefitted

Only about 1 in every five doctors succumbed to the disease have got their claims settled, under the scheme announced for nearly 22 lakh healthcare workers last year. As only 238 claims have been processed under the scheme, it also suggests that only 137 HCWs across other categories have so far benefitted under it. The Centre has said on several occasions that it does not have data of either doctors or HCWs who have died on Covid duties

Maha home minister threatens action in 'hoarding' probe, Fadnavis says ready

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil has threatened action against Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis for interference in the work of the police, who were questioning the director and owner of Bruck Pharma on alleged hoarding of Covid-19 drug Remdesivir. Fadnavis said he didn't do any wrong and was ready to face a probe.

Police were interrogating the official of the pharmaceutical company after around 60,000 vials of the Covid-19 drug were found in their possession.

It was learnt that this stock was to be exported, but could not be shipped after the Central government banned export of the drug. Walse Patil said policemen were questioning the Bruck Pharma director when Fadnavis and other BJP leaders went to the police station.

"The BJP leaders wanted to rescue the Bruck Pharma owner and director and tried to pressurise the police and interfere in government work. We will consult the people concerned, our colleagues and action will be initiated against Fadnavis," said Walse Patil.

Fadnavis said he was clean. "I wanted Remdesivir for Maharashtra. I wanted to buy a large quantity and give it to the state government to supply to various hospitals. I am ready to face any probe," the former chief minister said.

NCP minister Nawab Malik said Fadnavis as an individual or BJP as a party has no right to buy this amount of Remdesivir. "This is nothing but hoarding which is illegal as per law in a pandemic situation," he said.

Oxygen, vax raised at Birla's meet

New Delhi: Shortage of oxygen, medicines, vaccines, and GST dues of states figured in a virtual meeting of states' legislative bodies, opposition leaders and parliamentary affairs ministers with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday. Birla suggested setting up a control room in all state legislative assemblies for extending help to people.

Oxygen Express train with seven tankers leaves Kalamboli goods yard in Navi Mumbai for Vizag where it will be loaded with medical oxygen for Maharashtra | PTI

Delhi, parts of UP put under lockdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi / Lucknow / Hyderabad

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday announced a week-long lockdown starting Monday night till April 26.

Barring essential services, all other activities will be banned during the lockdown.

"After reviewing the entire situation, the government feels it is pertinent to impose a lockdown in Delhi for a few days... During this, all essential services with regard to food, medicine would continue" said the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The Chief Mnister added that the heathcare infrastructure in the national capital, which is reeling under an explosion of coronavirus cases, is stretched beyond capacity and the lockdown is to ensure it doesn't collapse.

The decision was announced after a high-level meeting with the lieutenant governor Anil Baijal. After the announcement, serpentine queues were seen outside liquor shops with tipplers making a beeline to stock up booze.

There were large crowds at the city's inter-state bus terminals and railway stations as thousands of migrant workers set out to go to their native places. Kejriwal appealed them not to leave Delhi as this is a short lockdown of six days.

Meanwhile, the Allahabad High Court on Monday directed the Uttar Pradesh government to impose strict restrictions including closing of malls, shopping complexes and restaurants till April 26 in five cities — Allahabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Kanpur Nagar and Gorakhpur.

Congress demands apology

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

TWEETING his reply, he said, "History shall be kinder to you Dr Manmohan Singh ji if your offer of 'constructive cooperation' and valuable advice was followed by your leaders as well in such extraordinary times!"

Meanwhile, the Congress demanded an apology from Harsh Vardhan for his uncharacteristic remarks on the former PM.

The party said the remarks were meaningless as the letter was addressed to PM Modi and not to the health minister.

It also pointed out that the Centre has accepted most of the suggestions in Singh's letter. "It is a welcome move that Government has woken up to Congress call of vaccination for all. Hope PM considers the other suggestions given by Dr. Singh & other experts as well," tweeted Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge.

UPSC DEFERS INTERVIEWS

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has deferred interviews for civil services examination 2020 due to a surge in coronavirus cases, it said in an official statement issued on Monday

60% POLLING RECORDED TILL 5 PM IN UP PANCHAYAT ELECTION

Ahmedabad	40	25	Mumbai	35	25
Bhopal	39	21	Panaji	34	25
Jaipur	36	22	Patna	40	23
Amritsar	33	18	Lucknow	39	24
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	38	27	Imphal	28	16
Srinagar	20	08	Chandigarh	32	19

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

I plead that election, if at all is to be done, should be after Ramzan is over and the present pandemic is diluted. Two candidates have died after contracting COVID-19 –Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, WB Congress chief

EC = Extremely Compromised. EC transfers 4 officers, 48 hours before poll... NN Tripathi, same person made in-charge of Nandigram, shifted to Birbhum. Was State consulted? No – Derek O'Brien, TMC MP

There was a grave attempt by TMC miscreants to assassinate Malda's BJP candidate. People will provide their strong mandate against TMC's murderous politics – Dilip Ghosh, BJP state chief

Central forces on poll duty should undergo Covid test, demands Didi

Over one lakh security personnel from outside Bengal are deployed in the eastern state

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

HER first request to hold the last three phases of Assembly polls together was turned down. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday again urged the Election Commission to truncate the process, suggesting that things be wrapped up in two days, to check the spread of Covid-19.

Vocal as usual against Narendra Modi and BJP and accusing them of spreading the disease in Bengal, Mamata also demanded that central security personnel on election duty be subjected to RT-PCR tests.

Around 1,100 companies of Central forces from CISF, BSF, CAPF and police from other states are on duty in Bengal elections from March 27 to April 19. Each company has around 100 personnel. This means over one lakh security men from other states, who are moving around in different parts of Bengal. Sources in Central forces confirmed that they have not undergone RT-PCR tests.

Speaking in Malda district, Mamata said considering the Covid-19 situation, the Centre should have advised the Election Commission. "Over one lakh personnel of Central forces are roaming from one place to another. I demand RT-PCR tests for them. They have come from other states. How will we know their health condition?"

Reiterating TMC's demand to shorten the election process in view of the pandemic, she said: "With folded hands, I request the Commission to hold the next three phases on a single day. If not possible, conduct it in two days and save one day. It will help check the infection to an extent."

Indicating that the Commission may have decided against clubbing the three phases at the behest of BJP, Mamata urged the poll body to pay attention to the larger picture. "Please don't take decisions based on what BJP says."

TMC and BJP are locked in a war of words over the increasing Covid cases in Bengal. While Mamata is accusing BJP of spreading infection by bringing in outsiders, PM Narendra Modi questioned her seriousness, pointing out that she skipped two meetings of chief ministers convened recently to discuss ways to check the virus.

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee greets her supporters at Hamtabad in Uttar Dinajpur on Monday | BIBHASH LODH

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candidates, including BJP state president Mukul Roy, are in the fray for the sixth phase of poll on April 22

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superintendents of police of of Purba Bardhaman and Birbhum were transferred by EC ahead of poll

'Corrupt leader caught badly'

Kolkata: Asserting that those involved in stealing funds meant for the people of Bengal will be put behind bars, Union Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that the Trinamool Congress is speaking in different voices on the party's youth leader Vinay Mishra, who is being investigated by the CBI and the ED. The Modi government is apprehending those who are stealing coal, Shah said at a public meeting at Pandabeswar in Paschim Bardhaman district.

BJP not to hold big public meetings in Bengal, small open events to continue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH just one week of campaigning left for the last phase of the Bengal elections left, the BJP on Monday called off large rallies in the state in the wake of the rising number of the Covid-19 cases.

The BJP announced the decision not to hold big rallies after similar decisions by the Trinamool Congress and the Congress, while the voting for the last phase will be held on April 29 and the verdict due on May 2.

"In the tough time posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, it's important to break the chain of the virus. To this effect, the BJP has decided that the party will not hold big rallies and public meetings," the party said in a statement.

The BJP, however, maintained that the party will hold small meetings at open places by following the Covid-19 protocols for which the party has set a target to distribute six crore masks and santisers. The BJP stated that the small meetings to be held will be attended by a maximum of 500 people. The BJP said that the party will set up the Covid-19 desks across the country to reach out the necessary assistance to the people affected by the pandemic.

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> BJP statement

The decision to pause the big meetings came after the party faced flaks on social media for holding large public gathering despite the Covid-19 pandemic taking a monstrous shape in the entire country.

The BJP, incidentally, cancelled the big meetings two days after the PM reached out to Swami Avdheshanand with an appeal to keep the Kumbh festival at Hardwar only symbolic in the face of the pandemic.

Navy and Coast Guard personnel with the crew of the intercepted boat | MoD

Navy intercepts boat with narcotics worth ₹3,000 cr

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN one of the largest seizures of drugs in recent times, Indian Navy has nabbed a vessel carrying 300 kilograms of contraband substance. It happened near Kochi on the western coast in the Arabian Sea. Five persons detained from the boat are Sri Lankans, said Navy officials.

Naval ship Suvarna was on surveillance patrol in the Arabian Sea a few days ago when it saw a fishing vessel moving suspiciously. The naval team conducted a boarding and search operation, which led to the seizure of more than 300 kgs of narcotic substances. The ship arrived in Kochi on Monday with the crew of the boat and the confiscated drugs.

"The boat with its crew has been escorted to the nearest port of Kochi for further investigation. The crew of five are all Sri Lankans.. Approximate cost of the catch in the international market is estimated to be ₹3,000 crore," said a statement from Navy. "This is a major catch not only in terms of the quantity and cost, but also from the perspective of disruption of the illegal narcotics smuggling routes, which emanate from the Makran coast (Pakistan) and flow towards the Indian, Maldivian and Sri Lankan destinations," said the statement.

Navy officials said apart from the human costs of drug addiction, the spoils of narcotics trade feed syndicates involved in terrorism, radicalisation and criminal activities.

In the last year, major success has been achieved in nabbing fishing vessels, with Coast Guard seizing narcotics worth approximately ₹5,200 crore.

EXPRESS READ

Navy gets first unit of indigenous light copters

New Delhi: Marking an important milestone in indigenisation of the Armed Forces, Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 323, Indian Navy's first unit of the indigenously built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III aircraft, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Monday at INS Hansa in Goa.

Zero infiltration along LoC for 2nd yr

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FOR the second consecutive year, there has been zero infiltration of militants in militancy-hit Kashmir from across the Line of Control (LoC) in first three months this year, thanks to upgrading of the counter infiltration grid and heavy snowfall in the winter.

The LoC in the Kashmir Valley falls in three districts of Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora in north Kashmir. Due to the heavy snowfall, all the infiltration routes to the Valley got closed, they said.

As the LoC is calm due to no ceasefire violations from Pakistani troops from mid-February, the officials are looking at means and ways to reduce infiltration to near zero even during the summer, when the mountain passes and infiltration routes are open.

On February 15, India and Pakistani militaries agreed to strongly adhere to the 2003 border ceasefire agreement and since then the LoC and International Border (IB) in J&K has been calm and quiet and there have been no ceasefire violations from either side. Not a single bullet or mortar shell has been fired by troops of two countries since February 16.

The security official said Pakistani troops used to facilitate the infiltration of militants by firing on Indian army positions along the LoC.

According to security officials, the counter infiltration grid has been strengthened by incorporating more security equipment to detect militant movement on the LoC, foil infiltration bids and prevent well-trained Pakistani militants from sneaking into the Valley.

It is for the second consecutive year that there has been zero infiltration of militants in the first three months of a year. "Last year also, there was zero infiltration of militants from across the LoC in the first three months," the official said.

About seven-eight militants had infiltrated into the Valley during the same period in 2019. Security officials believe that if infiltration of militants and arms flow from across the LoC is controlled, then the militancy violence will come down as orces have launched "All Out" operation against militants.

About 35 militants have been killed in encounters with security forces in the Valley this year, so far.

Two unidentified militants shot down in Shopian district

Srinagar: Two unidentified militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said. The security forces had launched a cordon and search operation in Zeipora area of Shopian district after getting information about the presence of militants, a police official said. Shopian is considered as a hotbed of homegrown militants. He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the militants opened fire on the security forces, who retaliated befittingly. Two unidentified militants have been killed so far, the official said, adding that the operation was going on when last reports came in. Keeping in view about the initial information about three militants being holed up at the encounter site, the forces are not taking any chance and are continuing with their search and combing operations in the area, the police said.

LAC STANDOFF

Legacy issues need to be resolved via dialogue: Gen

NEW DELHI: In a veiled reference to the border standoff with China, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane on Monday said legacy issues and differences need to be resolved through mutual consent and dialogue, and not by unilateral actions.

Gen Naravane, however, noted that there were positive developments with China along the LAC that led to disengagement of troops in Pangong lake areas in eastern Ladakh. The Army Chief also said the recent comments of Chinese encoy Sun Weidong "to avoid relapse and jointly safeguard peace and tranquillity in border areas" augurs well for the future of India-China relations.

Talking about regional developments, he referred to the renewed commitment by the armies of India and Pakistan to follow the 2003 ceasefire on the LoC, saying it bodes well for the future. "With China too, there have been positive developments along the LAC, an area where both countries have differing perceptions on the alignment of the land borders. This has led to disengagement of troops in eastern Ladakh," he added.

HELPING HAND

Govt to create pool of caregivers for elderly citizens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment plans to provide grant-in-aid to healthcare agencies under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana for providing training to create a pool of trained caregivers to provide bedside assistance for needy elderly.

The ministry aims to run eight such projects and reach out to 9,600 beneficiaries. The implementing agency for this will be National Institute of Social Defence (NISD).

According to the 2011 Census, the population of senior citizens in India is 10.38 crore. More than 70 per cent of them live in rural areas. Over 5 per cent of the senior citizens suffers from some sort of disabilities related to old age. Projections indicate that the number of elderly population will increase to around 173 million by 2026.

The programmes will cover creation of a pool of trained personnel who can run the senior citizen homes as per minimum standards and training to the staff of the project of senior citizens homes, training and capacity building and creation of skilled human resource on geriatric care and bedside assistance — three -month courses, six-month courses and one-year diploma courses, and awareness to the caregivers at home through online programmes

NISD will report the performance of the tasks/programmes to the ministry on half-yearly basis in September and March every year.

The type of awareness programmes will include seminars, workshops, conferences at the regional level on the issues relating to senior citizens through reputed organisations, special campaigns to spread awareness on mental health issues, conducting awareness campaigns on different aspects among others.

Former SC judge no more

Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a former Supreme Court judge who carried out the inquiry into Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's mysterious disappearance, died in Kolkata on Saturday. He was 87. Justice Mukherjee was elevated to the Supreme Court in December 1993 and retired in 1998. After a successful career as a lawyer at Kolkata High Court, he was elevated as a judge in June 1977. In November 1991, he was appointed chief justice of Allahabad High Court. From January 1993, he served as chief justice of Mumbai High Court till his elevation to the Supreme Court. Justice Mukherjee did his schooling from Asansol and graduation from Presidency College. He did his LLB from Kolkata University.

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Research scholars not to return IIT-Kharagpur

Owing to the lack of beds at hospitals to take care of Covid patients, the IIT Kharagpur has put on hold calling back of research scholars to the campus, said an official of the institute. The scholars who were to return to the campus over the next few weeks have been told to defer their journey. As many as 30 students have tested positive for Covid-19 on the campus in the last couple of weeks. Some are being treated in Kolkata, while the rest are in isolation. Starting December, the institute has allowed around 800 of its 4,000-odd research scholars to return to the campus in batches. Those who have already arrived have not been asked to leave. They have been also advised to follow all Covid protocols.

Neurosciences institute completes 12 years of service

The Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata observed its Foundation Day on April 15, celebrating 12 years of service in healthcare. The institute has been working in research collaboration with Newcastle University and the University of Oxford for the last few years. A MoU was signed between the Institute of Neurosciences and Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, the global headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission and Math. Present on the occasion was Swami Atmapriyananda, pro-chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Pramod Agarwal, chairman, Coal India Limited and Hrishikesh Kumar, the vice-chairman of the Institute of Neurosciences.

Cambridge cancels May-June exams

The Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) has cancelled its May-June exams and has decided to switch from exam to school-assessed grades, schools that offer the curriculum said. Several schools in Kolkata that follow the CAIE, have received an email three days ago. "In view of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, we have decided to switch Cambridge International Schools in India, from exams to school-assessed grades, so that students can receive certification and progress with their education, said The Cambridge School. Schools welcomed the decision.

7-year-old girl was killed in a shooting outside a McDonald's outlet in Chicago on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	13	LC	Los Angeles	23	13	SNY
Colombo	30	27	TDS	Melbourne	18	9	TDS
Dhaka	40	24	LC	Moscow	7	3	LC
Dubai	28	23	LC	New York	18	10	SNY
Houston	30	22	SNY	Singapore	31	28	TDS
Istanbul	9	2	LC	Toronto	8	0	LC
London	17	7	SNY	Washington	23	13	LC

Pak hardliners release cops after talks with govt

Imran pleads with Islamists to end violence amid week-long unrest

ISLAMABAD

Supporters of Tehreek-e-Labiak Pakistan, a banned Islamist party, chant slogans during a protest in Islamabad on Monday | AFP

THE banned radical Islamist party Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan on Monday released 11 police hostages after the first round of talks with the Imran Khan government, which buckled under the pressure of the terror outfit over its demand to expel the French ambassador over a blasphemous caricature published in France last year.

After declaring TLP a proscribed outfit under terrorism laws and freezing its leadership's bank accounts last week, the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government had announced that there would be no talks with the terror outfit as the state would not allow it to challenge its writ.

However, after Sunday's clash between the law enforcement agencies and the TLP workers in Lahore in which 11 policemen and Rangers were taken hostage by the radicals, the government held talks with the outfit leadership on Monday.

Pakistan Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed in a video message said: "Talks have started with the TLP. The TLP has released 11 policemen who were taken hostage by it and kept at its headquarters in Lahore. The first round of talks with the TLP went well and the second will take place in the evening."

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday pleaded with TLP to end its violent campaign, saying the unrest was harming the nation. "If we keep protesting our whole lives we would only be damaging our own country and it will not impact (the West)," Khan said in a recorded address shown on television.

"It doesn't make any difference to France," he added.

Meanwhile, business centres, markets and public transport in Lahore, Karachi and some other parts of the country remained closed on Monday on the call of senior cleric Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman to condemn the "brutal" police action at the TLP headquarters in Lahore on Sunday that left three Islamists dead and dozens injured.

The TLP has announced a protest march to Islamabad on Tuesday if the government does not expel the French envoy. In Monday's talks with the government, the TLP leaders presented four demands—expel the French ambassador; release its party chief Saad Rizvi; revoke the ban on TLP; and release all its activists (over 3,000) and withdraw FIRs against them. The party warned that if their demands are not met, they will go ahead with their march to Islamabad. *AFP*

Ailing Putin critic moved to hospital

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S penitentiary service said on Monday it was transferring ailing Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny to a prison hospital, as the EU warned it would hold Moscow responsible for the state of his health.

The United States on Sunday threatened Russia with "consequences" if President Vladimir Putin's major domestic opponent—who launched a hunger strike three weeks ago—dies in jail, with Navalny's private doctors warning at the weekend he could pass away at "any minute". Russia's prison service, which has barred Navalny's own medical team from visiting him, said its doctors had decided to move him to a medical facility at another penal colony outside Moscow.

But it insisted the anti-corruption campaigner's condition was "satisfactory", and said he was taking vitamin supplements as part of medical treatment.

Fears over Navalny's fate have added more fuel to soaring tensions between Moscow and the West over a build-up of Russian troops along the border with Ukraine and a spiralling diplomatic row with EU member state the Czech Republic.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the bloc held the Russian authorities "responsible for the health situation of Mr Navalny" as foreign ministers from its 27 nations held virtual talks.

Borrell demanded that Moscow allow doctors that Navalny trusts to visit him after his move to the hospital.

The Russian authorities "are responsible for Navalny's safety and health and we will hold them to account for it", he said. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said it was "good news" that Navalny "finally seems to be receiving urgently needed medical care".

But he insisted the bloc would "follow this very closely to see if this is the case".

The Kremlin dismissed the outcry from foreign leaders over the condition of the 44-year-old who last year came close to death after being poisoned with Novichok. "The health of convicts in the Russia Federation cannot and should not be a topic concerning them," said Putin's spokesman. *AFP*

Navalny may face cardiac arrest any moment, his doctors say

Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny announced a hunger strike in prison three weeks ago to demand medical treatment for back pain and numbness in his limbs, months after narrowly surviving a poisoning attack

Weight loss

Navalny, 44, announced he would stop eating on March 31 in a protest to demand medical treatment for a sore back and the loss of feeling in his legs

Even before he started the hunger strike, allies said he had lost a significant amount of weight in detention

Navalny weighed 93 kilograms when he arrived in prison. That figure had fallen to **85** kilograms by April 1. Navalny's wife who visited him in prison last week said he was 76 kilograms

Kidney function slows

- Navalny's physicians late last week published results from a blood test that showed high potassium levels and elevated creatinine
- The results, they said, could indicate Navalny was suffering from impaired kidney function and risked cardiac arrest
- "Our patient can die any minute," cardiologist Yaroslav Ashikhmin said on Facebook, adding that Navalny should be moved to intensive care
- Russia's prison service said Monday Navalny was being transferred to a hospital for inmates but said his condition was "satisfactory". The prison service also said Navalny had agreed to take vitamins

Anti-coup protesters shout slogans against the military in Yangon | AP

More EU sanctions on Myanmar's military govt

BRUSSELS

THE EU on Monday announced sanctions on 10 Myanmar junta officials and two conglomerates linked to the military over the coup and bloody crackdown on protesters in their country.

The military has ramped up its attempts to crush dissent following mass demonstrations against its ousting of civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, with at least 737 civilians killed and the press increasingly under attack.

International pressure has been steadily building on the junta, although it has so far appeared to ignored all condemnation.

Announcing the sanctions on officials, the bloc's member states said the individuals "are all responsible for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Myanmar/Burma, and for repressive decisions and serious human rights violations".

The two firms hit with asset freezes and visa bans, Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Company Limited (MEHL) and Myanmar Economic Corporation Limited (MEC), were "owned and controlled by the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw), and provide revenue for it", the statement added.

The companies dominate sectors including trading, alcohol, cigarettes and consumer goods. The officials targeted are mostly members of the ruling State Administration Council seen as responsible for undermining the democracy in the southeast Asian nation, EU diplomats said.

The announcement came after Japan urged Myanmar authorities on Monday to release from prison a Japanese journalist accused of spreading fake news, one of at least 65 reporters arrested during the junta's crackdown. *AFP*

Rwanda report names France as collaborator in 1994 genocide

KIGALI

FRANCE "bears significant responsibility" for enabling the genocide in Rwanda and still refuses to acknowledge its true role in the 1994 horror, said a report commissioned by Kigali that was released on Monday.

The damning report, commissioned in 2017 and running to nearly 600 pages, labels France a "collaborator" of the extremist Huturegime that orchestrated the pogrom of some 8,00,000 people, and outright rejects the position that Paris was blind to their genocidal agenda.

The years-long investigation by US law firm Levy Firestone Muse said France knew a genocide was coming but remained "unwavering in its support" of its Rwandan allies, even when the planned extermination of the Tutsi minority was clear. "It is our conclusion that the French government bears significant responsibility for enabling a foreseeable genocide," states the Muse report, which drew on millions of pages of documents and interviews with over 250 witnesses.

> **French officials armed, advised, trained, equipped, and protected the Rwandan government, heedless of its commitment to dehumanisation and, ultimately, the destruction of Tutsi in Rwanda**
>
> Muse report

The Muse reports follows the publication last month of a separate inquiry into the same events commissioned by French President Emmanuel Macron. The Duclert Commission, concluded that France bore "overwhelming responsibilities" over the genocide and acknowledged a "failure" on its part, but no complicity in the killings.

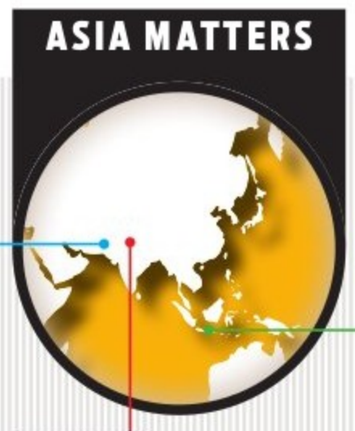
But the Muse report asserts greater French culpability, saying the Duclert Commission stopped short of explaining what France was responsible for, and erred in concluding that Paris "remained blind" to the looming genocide. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Ukraine expels Russian diplomats

Kiev: Ukraine's foreign ministry on Monday said it had expelled a Russian diplomat after Moscow ordered a Ukrainian consul in Saint Petersburg to leave Russia, accusing him of trying to obtain sensitive information. The expulsions come as tensions have soared between Russia and Ukraine in recent weeks, with Kiev accusing Moscow of massing troops on its border. "Today the Ukrainian foreign ministry sent a note declaring persona non grata one of the advisers of the Russian embassy," the ministry said

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

12 killed as petty disputes turn into fight

At least 12 people, including two women, were killed in two separate incidents over petty issues in northwest Pakistan. In the first incident, two brothers identified as Asal Khan and Sardar Ali along with their sons attacked the house of their own brother Misal Khan in Noweshera district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday, police said. According to police, former president Gen Zia-ul Haq had approved an irrigation tube well for his driver Sardar Ali in his village Spinkai. Ali's brothers—Misal Khan and Fazal Khan—were given jobs in it by the former president. Fazal Khan appointed his son after his retirement some time ago while Misal Khan also wanted to recruit his son in his place. The matter took an ugly turn when the two brothers refused to honour the agreement. In another incident, five were killed over a land dispute in Charsadda district

NEPAL

Over 1,200 new Covid-19 cases, eight more deaths

Nepal's Covid-19 infection tally advanced to 2,85,900 on Monday after 1,227 new cases were reported across the country, while the death toll reached 3,091 with eight more people succumbing to coronavirus. Of the newly infected cases, 456 are females and 771 are males, according to the data provided by the health ministry. Among the total cases that surfaced on Monday, Kathmandu district holds the highest number of new infections - 505. Lalitpur reported 97 cases. Also, 255 people who were earlier infected with the virus have recovered in the past 24 hours

INDONESIA

Iran's Zarif discusses trade in Jakarta

Visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif discussed trade and economic issues in a meeting in Jakarta on Monday with his Indonesian counterpart, the two countries said. Zarif emphasised the importance of finalising a preferential trade agreement in his talks with Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. Zarif expressed Iran's readiness to continue negotiations, it said in a statement. "Supporting the international law as well as exchanging views on the latest developments in the Afghanistan peace process were among other issues discussed in the meeting," it said. It comes as the United States has said it will withdraw its last troops from Afghanistan come September

Miguel named to lead Cuban communists

HAVANA

CUBA'S Communist Party on Monday officially picked Miguel Díaz-Canel as its leader after Raul Castro on Saturday announced that he is stepping down.

In many ways, Cuba's new maximum leader is nothing like those who have governed the island for the past six decades. Miguel Díaz-Canel was never a guerrilla fighter and was for only a few years, like all Cubans of his generation, a soldier. He rose peacefully and diligently through the approved channels. And he isn't named Castro.

In both cases, he replaces his mentor Raul Castro, 89, sealing a political dynasty that had held power since the 1959 revolution. Díaz-Canel, who turns 61 on Tuesday, is a relative youngster compared to members of the generation that accompanied Fidel Castro in his battle against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista and then stayed on in power for decade after decade while cementing a Soviet-style political system.

Greens to make their first shot at German chancellery

Annalena Baerbock

BERLIN

GERMANY'S environmentalist Greens party announced on Monday that its leader Annalena Baerbock will make its first bid for the chancellery in the September national election, while Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right bloc was mired in a power struggle.

Baerbock's nomination was unveiled by the party's other co-leader, Robert Habeck, at a smoothly staged event that contrasted with the heated standoff in Merkel's Union bloc.

The September 26 parliamentary election is unpredictable, partly because the popular incumbent isn't seeking re-election. Merkel vowed in 2018 not to seek a fifth four-year term. Recent polls have shown the Greens running second behind the Union and ahead of Germany's traditional big center-left party, the Social Democrats.

Baerbock, 40, has been a lawmaker in the national parliament since 2013 but lacks government experience. She said she wants "a Germany at the heart of Europe, a country in which climate protection creates the future foundation for prosperity, freedom and security." Baerbock and Habeck have led the Greens since early 2018.

A party with climate-friendly vision

As it reaches for power in September's national election, Germany's Green party announced a program last month that proposes speeding up the country's exit from coal-fired power, raising carbon prices and massively increasing infrastructure spending

MAY HOLD THE KEY TO FORMING NEXT GOVT

The Greens, in opposition nationally since 2005, have seen their support roughly double in polls since the last national election

With Merkel not seeking a fifth term, the result of the Sept 26 vote is very much open. And polls suggest that, whatever the outcome, the Greens may hold the key to forming the next

COAL-FREE GERMANY BY 2030

The Greens want to complete Germany's exit from coal-fired power by 2030. They are calling for the price charged per ton of carbon dioxide emissions to be increased to 60 euros (nearly $72) in 2023

The party's program calls for an "investment offensive," with increased public spending in everything from fast internet — an area in which Germany is notoriously weak — to emissions-free buses, improving the railway network and urban development

SELLING AMERICAN DREAM

Mexican drug cartels make billions smuggling migrants to US

MEXICO CITY

THE tide of migrants sweeping across Mexico to the US border is not just a humanitarian crisis—it is also a highly organised, multibillion-dollar trafficking business dominated by the drug cartels.

Fleeing poverty, 35-year-old Honduran migrant Juan Macias paid around $7,000 in March to a smuggling network, borrowing the money from his relatives. Macias said that he dealt with eight different traffickers during the journey he made with around 30 other migrants. "They work through organisations. They're called guides. Then the cartels are on the border," Macias told AFP at a shelter in Mexico's border city Ciudad Juarez after he was deported from the United States. Each trafficker gave him a code to pass on to the next smuggler along the chain. "We were identified by the code when we arrived at the place," said Macias, whose name AFP has changed to protect his identify.

A 2018 report from the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime estimated the annual revenue generated by smuggling migrants overland to North America to be up to $4.2 billion, out of a global total of $7.0 billion.

Like other forms of organised crime, it is usually controlled by Mexico's powerful drug cartels, although the first link in the chain may be a neighbour of the migrants, who are mostly Central Americans. Even the anti-immigration stance of former US president Donald Trump failed to stop the human tide, which has only increased since his successor Joe Biden took office vowing fairer treatment of migrants. *AFP*

Honduran migrants are stopped by police near the border with Guatemala | AFP

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
882.61 ▼	Sensex	47,949.42	₹6 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,607	₹600 ▲	Per kg	₹69,200	▲	Dollar	74.87
258.40 ▼	Nifty	14,359.45	₹6 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,507	₹0.60 ▲	Per gm	₹69.2	▲	Euro	90.14

FM REACHES OUT TO INDIA INC FOR SUGGESTIONS

She said that the government will continue to work to protect both lives and livelihood

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH the second Covid wave running rampant and several states re-imposing severe restrictions to contain the spread, Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman reached out to India Inc on Monday, assuring them that the government was taking timely decisions to protect business and livelihood, and sought their inputs.

"Spoke on telephone with each of the following business/ Chamber leaders. Took their inputs on industry/Association related matters. Informed them that GoI at various levels from @PMOIndia is responding to #Covid management. Working together with states for lives and livelihoods," Sitharaman tweeted. The interactions included conversations with the heads of industry chambers such as CII president Uday Kotak, Uday Shankar, president of Ficci, and Vineet Agarwal, president, Assocham. She also spoke to many business leaders including Tata Steel managing director T V Narendran, L&T chairman A M Naik, TCS managing director Rajesh Gopinathan, Maruti Suzuki chairman R C Bhargava, TVS Group chairman Venu Srinivasan, and Hero Moto Corp MD Pawan Munjal.

According to sources, the FM discussed the liquidity situation, the impact of the partial lockdowns, and the status of vaccine production. "India Inc spoke about the need to remove the 45 year limit on vaccination, as it is demoralising the workforce. They also requested an extension for some schemes announced during the previous lockdown," a source in the finance ministry said. They added that while the finance minister took note of all the suggestions, she also assured them that, this time around, there would be no nationwide lockdown and that the government would do everything possible to calm down the situation.The initial lockdown imposed last summer to contain the spread of the pandemic had resulted in the economy contracting by a whopping 23.9 per cent during the first quarter (April-June). Last week, Sitharaman had made it clear that the government would not opt for lockdowns in a big way.

Centre grants additional fund to SII, Bharat Biotech

The Ministry of Finance has given its go-ahead to a grant of funds to the tune of ₹3,000 crore to Serum Institute of India, the manufacturer of Covashield vaccine, a senior official said. The ministry has also approved fund to Covaxin-maker Bharat Biotech. Besides, additional grants have been sanctioned to ramp up oxygen supply after widespread reports of shortage in hospitals.

FIDC seeks MSME restructuring scheme extension till March 2022

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN the wake of rising Covid-19 infections and the subsequent curfews imposed across various states, the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC), a representative body of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) has urged the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to consider extending the one-time restructuring of MSME advances till March 2020.

In a recent letter addressed to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, FIDC said that owing to the second wave of Covid-19, the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have not been able to revive their economic activities and are in urgent need of support from the lenders. "Various surveys and reports are forewarning that the operating environment for banks will most likely remain challenging, as the second wave could dent the sluggish recovery in consumer and corporate confidence...Considering the challenging environment for MSMEs and lenders, it will be helpful, if the RBI extends the restructuring scheme till at least March 31, 2022," FIDC Director General Mahesh Thakkar wrote.

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The council added that restructuring should also be allowed for MSMEs, including the retail and wholesale trade segment accounts, which were restructured during the first wave, but are standard even after moving out from moratorium. This should further be without any downgrade in asset classification, and should be subject to the lending NBFCs undertaking necessary credit assessment of the future cash flows of the said entity. It further requested the central bank to provide priority status lending (PSL) classification benefit for banks lending to NBFCs on a permanent basis.

Earlier this month, the RBI extended the PSL benefit by six months till September 30, 2021. However, the letter said under the on-lending model, only fresh loans granted by NBFCs are allowed PSL benefit and the existing unencumbered pools of eligible PSLs do not qualify for such benefit.

EXPRESS READ

Bajaj Consumer Q4 profit jumps two-fold to `55 cr

NEW DELHI: FMCG firm Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd on Monday reported over two-fold growth in consolidated net profit at ₹54.67 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31 as against ₹23.29 crore during January-March period a year ago, Bajaj Consumer Care said in a regulatory filing. Revenue came in higher at ₹244.86 crore as against ₹172 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses of Bajaj Consumer Care stood at ₹189.17 crore as against ₹158.69 crore, up 19.2 per cent.

NEW AGENDA

HDFC BANK TO USE CUTTING-EDGE TECH TO AVOID GLITCHES

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HAVING faced at least five instances of downtime during the past 28 months, the country's largest private lender HDFC Bank is now working on a "Technology Transformation Agenda" for its customers. These include initiatives towards infrastructure scalability, disaster recovery, security enhancements and monitoring enhancements, HDFC Bank CEO and managing director, Sashidhar Jagdishan, said in a letter to the bank's employees.

"While we execute this Technology Transformation Agenda, there will sometimes be pain and outages beyond our control. We must doubly resolve to reach out proactively to our customers / stakeholders and explain the path that we are traversing to make their experience with us smoother, faster and better," Jagdishan wrote.

"We have always raised the bar when it comes to delivering customer experience. It is in this context, one has to see the advisories and strictures by the regulators calling for accelerated adoption and process changes. We are working with them closely to overcome the current situation," Jagdishan said.

It may be noted that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has temporarily barred HDFC Bank from launching new digital banking initiatives and issuing new credit cards after taking a serious note of service outages at the lender. The bank was penalised by the RBI for two major outages, one in November 2018, and the other in December 2019.

Meanwhile, however, the bank said it has invested heavily in the scale-up of its infrastructure to handle any potential load that it will encounter for the next three to five years. The bank is also in the process of accelerating the cloud strategy, noted Jagdishan.

Second Covid wave impacting two-wheeler sales harder

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE second Covid wave has impacted the two-wheeler markets harder than the earlier one with sales falling by up to 50 per cent so far in April. The decline in sales comes despite a mini festive season during the month.

"The 2W sales are down by 30-50 per cent so far in April. This is despite the mini festival seasons across the country and the rationale of drop in sales volume is attributed to the onset of the second wave of Covid-19. Smaller cities are seeing the impact of the second wave (unlike the first wave) – cases reported in the second week of April 2021 surpassed the peak of September 2020," said brokerage firm Motilal Oswal Financial Services said in its report.

If the two-wheeler demand fails to recover amid the mini festive season and wedding season, the overall demand recovery may be deferred up to October 2021(main festive season). It may be noted that the domestic wholesales of two-wheelers declined 13.19 per cent year-on-year during the pandemic-hit FY21 even as the demand recovery in three out of four quarters last fiscal failed to lift the annual volumes, points out the data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on April 12.

If the Motilal report reflects an accurate scenario at dealer showrooms then OEMs are heading towards a very difficult phase. Retail 2Wheeler sales fell by a whopping 35.26 per cent in March to 11,95,445 units as against 18,46,613 units sold in the same month last year, according to data from Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA). Motilal said the second wave would see limited benefit from pent-up demand. It added that people have lesser savings amid the second wave due slowing economic activity in the current fiscal coupled with minimal cash inflow from migrant relatives and high medical bills. Increasing cost also led to lower sales.

Future-Amazon case: SC stays further proceedings

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FUTURE Retail-Reliance deal continues to hang in balance with the Supreme Court on Monday putting a stay on further proceedings before Single Judge and Division Bench of Delhi High Court, pertaining to the enforcement of the Emergency Award against Kishore Biyani-led Future Group's deal with Reliance. The matter will now be heard on May 4.

The High Court single judge bench had held that Future Retail, Future Coupons, Kishore Biyani and other promoters, directors violated the Emergency Award and also imposed costs of ₹20 lakh on the Future Group companies, Biyani and other respondent parties. Justice Midha also directed Future Group to not take any further action in furtherance of the deal with Reliance, holding that the Emergency Arbitrator had rightly invoked the 'Group of Company' doctrine in relation to the Future Group companies. Future Group companies then moved the Division Bench of Delhi High Court in appeal. The Division Bench subsequently stayed the single judge order which prompted Amazon to moved India's apex court against the stay order.

Even as the ongoing legal battle threatens to delay the ₹24,713 crore asset sale, the lenders of supermarket operator have given the company up to two years more to repay its debt. Close to 28 lenders of the Kishore Biyani-company have approved the restructuring plan, Future Retail told the exchanges in a late evening filing on Saturday. The board of the company has also approved the restructuring plan on the same day. Earlier this month, Reliance extended the long stop date for the closure of the deal by six months to September.

According to CARE Ratings, Future Retail is sitting on a whopping ₹6,278 crore of debt. The restructuring would cover Future Retail's working capital demand loans, term loans, cash credit, short term loans, non-convertible debentures (NCDs), purchase bill discounting limits, other working capital loans and unpaid interest, which became overdue, FRL said. There will be an interest moratorium between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

RBI sets up 6-member panel to review working of ARCs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed a six-member panel under the chairmanship of Sudarshan Sen, former RBI executive director, to examine the role of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) in stressed debt resolution, including under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 and review their business model.

The committee will review the legal and regulatory framework of ARCs and recommend measures to improve their efficacy. It will submit its report within three months from the date of its first meeting. As of January-end 2021, the number of ARCs registered with the RBI stood at 28.

Other members of the committee are ICICI executive director Vishakha Mulye, former SBI DMD PN Prasad, EY partner Abizer Diwanji, MDI professor of economics Rohit Prasad and chartered accountant R Anand.

The committee will make suggestions for improving liquidity in and trading of security receipt According to RBI data, the book value of assets acquired by ARCs stood at ₹4,31,339 crore and the security receipts issued by them was ₹1,51,435 crore as of March-end 2020. The amount of security receipts completely redeemed was ₹17,947 crore.

RBI had announced a review of ARC regulations in its April monetary policy review. "Asset reconstruction companies play an important role in the resolution of stressed assets. Their potential however is yet to be fully realized," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das had said.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

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Razorpay, Druva's valuations jump amid digitisation

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA's star start-ups have entered a period of plenty as far as capital is concerned with venture investors remaining bullish on the world's second largest internet market. Digital payments gateway provider Razorpay, for instance, has raised a fresh $160 million in funding via a Series E round at a valuation of $3 billion, almost tripling this figure in six months. The payments firm had entered the unicorn club in October 2020 and its userbase and transactions volume have jumped manifold—the company leveraging the digital transformation undertaken by many companies as the transaction economy shifted further online. RazorPay's fresh funding round was co-led by Sequoia Capital and Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, along with participation from Ribbit Capital and Matrix Partners. It plans to infuse the fund to scale up its business banking suite, invest in new acquisitions and launch in overseas markets.

Pune-based Software as a Service (SaaS) start-up Druva announced a $147 million fund raise from Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), a global investment group, alongside a significant investment by Neuberger Berman, each of which manage more than $300 billion in net assets.

Druva, which has doubled its valuation in a year, said that the massive cloud adoption by enterprises gives software companies an advantage in allaying cyber security concerns and help in data migration to new operating models.

Business & Beyond

Chetan Prakash Jain assumes charge as CMD of Central Electronics

Chetan Prakash Jain has assumed additional charge as chairman and managing director of Central Electronics Ltd. Jain, a 1994 batch IRPS officer, is currently joint secretary and financial advisor of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research under Ministry of Science and Technology. He has vast experience in HR, Administrative and Financial matters and has held important positions at divisional and head quarter level in Railways followed by a stint as Executive Director in Railway Board, among other roles.

Vedanta revives traditional 'Dhokra' artform to create sustainable livelihoods

Vedanta, India's largest producer of aluminium and its value-added products, is reviving traditional artforms like Dhokra, mural and tribal paintings in the regions where it operates. On the occasion of 2021 World Art Day, celebrated every year on April 15, Vedanta unveiled product design training for artisans of Dhokra, a metal working artform, in Lanjigarh, Odisha.

Cabinet approves `110 cr for ROPAX Jetty Project

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has sanctioned ₹50.3 crore for developing all-weather ROPAX (Roll-on/Roll-off Passenger) Jetty and allied infrastructure connecting Kaninali in Bhadrak district & Talachua in Kendrapara district, Odisha under the Sagarmala initiative. The Odisha government will fund another 50 per cent cost of the project, entailing a total cost of ₹110.6 crore.

Canara Bank pays tribute to Ambedkar on his birth anniversary

Canara Bank, circle office, Bhubaneswar observed the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar at its premises. The meeting was presided over by B L Meena, GM and circle head, Canara Bank Bhubaneswar along with chief guest V Ashok Vardhan, assistant director, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Bhubaneswar. Meena addressed the gathering and explained the efforts made by Ambedkar in upliftment of the women and the deprived section of the society.

SER remembers Ambedkar on his 130th birth anniversary

The 130th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar was celebrated at South Eastern Railway (SER) headquarters, Garden Reach on April 15. SER general manager Sanjay Kumar Mohanty garlanded the portrait of Ambedkar and paid homage to the illustrious son of India. During the solemn ceremony, S Nayak, senior deputy general manager, Zarina Firdausi, principal chief personnel officer, also paid homage.

AAI observes fire service week

Airports Authority of India - Eastern Region (AAI-ER) has observed Fire Safety Week between April 14 and April 20, 2021. To mark the occasion, AAI ER organised a special program that was arranged at FSTC, Narayanpur. The program started by observing two minutes of silence to pay homage to the brave 71 firemen who lost their lives fighting the fire that took place at freighter SS Fort Stikine at the Victoria Dock in the then Bombay Port on April 14, 1944. Manoj Gangal, Regional Executive Director, AAI-ER hoisted the national flag on this occasion.

TODAY'S MATCH, DC vs MI | CHENNAI: LIVE ON SS1 @ 7.30 PM

One look at the table and there is little separating second-placed Delhi Capitals and third-placed Mumbai Indians. A closer look shows that both teams have areas of improvement. Talking points...

OVERRELIANCE ON BOWLING

In their last two matches, the Mumbai outfit have been phenomenal at defending moderate totals. But the batsmen haven't been at their best especially in the middle overs and with Delhi having an impressive bowling attack of their own, Mumbai's batting department will have to step up.

OVERCOMING MENTAL BARRIER

Mumbai beat Delhi in last edition's final and that could play in the minds of the capital side. Rishabh Pant and company will have to believe that they are as good as Rohit Sharma and Co and that a win against them would be the first step towards a maiden title.

143.24

Shikhar Dhawan' strike-rate since 2019 IPL.

CSK VS RR

Collective effort hands Super Kings royal victory

AGENCIES @ Mumbai

Faf du Plessis| SPORTZPICS

SPINNERS Moeen Ali and Ravindra Jadeja did their job to perfection as Chennai Super Kings defeated Rajasthan Royals by 46 runs at the Wankhede Stadium for their second successive win in the Indian Premier League on Monday.

Set a target of 189, Rajasthan started strongly, but lost their way in the middle overs after Jos Buttler (49) was dismissed by Jadeja. That triggered a collapse which saw Rajasthan lose four more wickets in 3.2 overs as the Super Kings moved to the second spot in the table.

Earlier, a cameo from Dwayne Bravo towards the end of the innings helped Super Kings post 188/9. Super Kings lost wickets towards the end with the batsmen going for big hits and also in the face of some good bowling by Royals. Bravo (20 not out off 8 balls) smashed a huge six off the last ball of the innings from Mustafizur Rahman (1/37) to ensure the Super Kings got close to 190.

Faf du Plessis top-scored with 33 off 17 balls as the CSK batsmen got starts but couldn't capitalise on them after being put in to bat.

Young Chetan Sakariya (3/36 from 4 overs) was the best bowler for Rajasthan.

Brief scores: CSK 188/9 in 20 ovs (Du Plessis 33, Rayudu 27, Sakariya 3/36) **bt** RR 143/9 in 20 ovs (Butter 49, Moeen 3/7).

Four youth boxers assured of medals

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

VINKA and Alfiya Pathan are among four Indian women boxers who fought their way into the semifinals at the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Kielce, Poland. Gitika and Poonam are the other two boxers who entered the last-4 stage and have secured at least a bronze medal for the country. All the four boxers put up scintillating performances in their respective quarterfinals bouts. Panipat boxer Vinka blanked her Colombian opponent Camilo Camela 5-0 in the 60kg category, while the 2019 Asian Junior Champion Alfiya (+81 kg) also registered a comfortable 5-0 victory against Reka Hoffmann of Hungary.

EXPRESS READ

SL cricketer banned for eight years

DUBAI: Former Sri Lanka cricketer Dilhara Lokuhettige was banned from all forms of cricket for eight years after being found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. The ban is backdated to April 3, 2019 when he was provisionally suspended.

Red light: Round 1 of INRC 2021 deferred

CHENNAI: The South India Rally scheduled for April 23-25 has been postponed in the wake of fresh restrictions imposed by the government due to rising number of Covid-19 cases, organisers Madras Motor Sports Club announced on Monday.

Tottenham sack Mourinho

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

Jose Mourinho was sacked by Tottenham on Monday just six days before they play Manchester City in the League Cup final as the Portuguese boss paid the price for a turbulent campaign. Mourinho, 58, was dismissed after only 17 months in charge, even though he could have led the club to their first silverware since 2008.

Tottenham have been struggling in their bid to qualify for the Champions League via a top-four finish in the Premier League.

Spurs are currently seventh, five points behind fourth-placed West Ham, and suffered a shock Europa League last-16 exit against Dinamo Zagreb.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL IN CRISIS

Twelve major football clubs announced a new European Super League on Sunday, breaking away from the UEFA Champions League and prompting an angry response from fans, politicians and their domestic leagues. Here are the key things about the new venture...

BREAKING NEWS

WHAT IS IT?

12 clubs, from Real Madrid to Tottenham, got together to become founding members of a new competition. A further three founding clubs will join, with five other clubs getting it to play in a league-cum-knockout competition from August. Five of the 20 clubs would qualify based on what they do in their domestic leagues.

IS THIS THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE IN A NEW NAME?

No. Europe's biggest clubs do not want to play in a UEFA-controlled event because of serious misgivings with the organisation. They want more control which UEFA aren't ready to give at this point. They also want more money and more of the 'elite' teams to qualify for the CL irrespective of their performance in the prior season. UEFA, which itself announced new 36-team format on Monday, weren't prepared to fully bow to the elite.

OKAY, HOW WILL IT WORK?

Two groups of 10 teams each playing each other in an home-away format with the top three teams in each group presumably advancing to play in the knockout stages, with play-off games to decide the other two slots. There will be mid-week games, at least for the 18 group stage matches each club will now play. The rebel clubs want to keep playing in their domestic league.

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE LEAGUES?

Seething with righteous anger. Premier League, Serie A, La Liga issued strongly worded responses, with some leading lights wanting to already sanction clubs for going behind their backs. There exists the possibility of the leagues not accepting to the clubs' positions. If that happens, except lawyers from both sides. One thing though, the already rich will become super rich because all the founder members have been promised close to $400 mn already.

Anti-European Super League posters hang outside the Anfield stadium, home of Premier League football club Liverpool, on Monday | AFP

WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

Money. Europe's top clubs have long agitated for the income that guaranteed, annual competition against their fellow powers would bring. Currently, they have to qualify for the Champions League by placing high in their domestic competitions, and then make it through the season-long tournament to reach the high-profile latter stages. The founding clubs are expected to receive more than 10 billion euros in uncapped "solidarity payments". They will also receive 3.5 billion euros for infrastructure investment and to offset their losses from the pandemic. By comparison, UEFA competitions generated 3.2 billion euros in TV earnings in the pre-pandemic 2018-2019 season.

HOW DOES THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FEEL ABOUT THIS?

Anger would be an understatement. But, to be fair, this was an inevitability of the system that UEFA themselves helped create in collusion with the big clubs. They played appeasement politics and gave everything the big clubs asked for. This was going to be the logical endgame. If the Super League does see the cold light of day, it's possible to see the eventual destruction of the Champions League as we know it as a product.

WHO ARE THE LEADING DRIVERS BEHIND THIS MOVE?

Reuters reported that JP Morgan are financing the league. But the ones who are really leading the push is Real Madrid and Manchester United, the elite of the European game. Others like Arsenal and Spurs, whose recent level is nowhere 'Super', probably signed on because this is an opportunity to make more money, considering there will be no consequences for their under performances on the pitch.

WHY ARE BAYERN AND PSG GIVING IT A MISS?

Bayern would face difficulties convincing its fans and members, who have a majority say in club business. PSG's Qatari owners could be wary of disrupting next year's World Cup — which will be played in Qatar — and a lucrative UEFA broadcast deal if there's a civil war in European soccer.

India Open badminton postponed

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

TAKING into account the raging coronavirus second wave and lockdown in Delhi from Monday night, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) has postponed the India Open, an Olympic qualifying event, that was supposed to be held next month.

The BWF World Tour Super 500 meet was scheduled to be held from May 11-16. The BAI said that the new dates will be announced later. "It is very unfortunate, but we are forced to postpone the tournament. We had a meeting with BWF. The coronavirus situation in Delhi is very bad and there is a lockdown until April 26. We have no idea what will happen next. After consulting with all the stakeholders, we feel this is the right move," Ajay Singhania, BAI general secretary, said in a Zoom interaction.

The governing body of badminton in the country was forced to take the decision as Delhi, the city where the event was scheduled to be conducted, is the worst-hit city with over 20,000 cases in the last twenty four hours. Singhania said that they're taking every precaution to ensure that the camps are held in a safe manner for those who are a good bet to make Tokyo Olympics. "We had worked very hard and we were hoping for a good tournament. The camp has been postponed and only those who have the chance to qualify for Olympics will be part of the camp," Singhania added. Badminton World Federation (BWF) also confirmed the development.

SHOOTING CAMP FROM MAY FIRST WEEK

The national shooting camp that was supposed to be held in New Delhi has also been postponed. NRAI was looking to conduct the camp from April 20. Now, the federation is hopeful that they can conduct the camp early next month (from May 2).

Jeremy 8th, Oly dream still alive

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

INDIA'S weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg) on Monday finished a disappointing eighth in the Asian Championships lifting a total of 302kg, four kg less than his personal best. The 2018 Youth Olympics champion lifted 139kg in snatch and 163kg in clean and jerk.

However, the lowly finish is unlikely to jeopardize his chance of making an Olympic cut. "He developed pain in his knee during his first attempt in clean and jerk. As per my calculation, he would be able to qualify for the Games as he is top-ranked lifter in his weight category outside the top-eight from the continent. A final announcement in this regard will be made next month," Vijay Sharma, chief coach, told this daily.

His personal best of 306kg (140kg in snatch and 166kg in clean and jerk) came in Qatar International Cup in Doha in 2019 wherein he bagged a silver medal. The 18-year-old lifter from Mizoram began with 135kg but failed to lift 139kg in his second attempt. He succeeded in his third attempt to finish sixth after the snatch session.

In clean and jerk, he lifted 163kg but failed to lift 168kg in the two subsequent attempts. Sharma attributed the failure to knee pain which arose during the first attempt.

"Jeremy is in direct competition against a Saudi Arabian lifter. He has 500 Robi points more than his competitor. The Saudi Arabian lifted also lifted 302kg today (Monday) so I don't think he can catch up with Jeremy as far as ranking is concerned," said the coach.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Chief Commercial Manager, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two-Packet Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible parties for the following contract. **Tender Notice No.:** CO-16032/1/2015 **Dated** 19/04/2021. **Name of Contract :** Leasing of 945 sq. m. covered storage warehouse at Verna (Goa State) Railway Station premises. **Reserve Price:** Rs. 4,89,510/- Per Month, Excluding GST. **Period of Contract:** Three years. **Closing Date/Time:** 20/05/2021 up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum, if any, will be hosted in this website only.

KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.)
YELAHANKA COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT
(CIN : U40102KA1996SGC020337)
No.KPCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT10946 Dtd:17.04.2021
ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only) (Two Cover System)
Bids are invited in English from the qualified bidders for the work of **"Providing Power supply to IOCL Building and Electrification to modified Chemical lab for YCCPP in First Floor of IOCL Building, Yelahanka".** The details of NIT & Brief Bid Notification can be viewed on KPCL website:**www.karnatakapower.com** & **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. The period of completion is One Month from the date of handing over of the work front. Last date for submission of bids through e-Portal is **08.05.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Superintending Engineer (Ele)-Y, DG Plant Premises, KPC Gas Power Corporation Ltd., S.N. Halli Post, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064. Tel No: 9480682848. e-Mail:eeeyccp@gmail.com / seegswkpcl@gmail.com**

Indian Overseas Bank
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) invites bids for the following;
RFP Reference Number:
RFP/ITD/001/21-22 Dated 17.04.2021
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NETWORK BEHAVIOR ANOMALY DETECTION (NBAD), WEB APPLICATION FIREWALL & PRIVILEGE IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION
The RFP document for the above tender is available in bank's **e-tendering website**
https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net & www.iob.in.
For RFP details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the above websites.

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED
P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201,
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640
E-mail Address: *purchase.hamul@gmail.com*
IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC /269 /2021-22 DATE: 12/04/2021
INVITATION FOR E TENDER (IFT) TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER
HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of the Electronic Weighing Scale to DCS. 2) Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of the Milk Analyzer to DCS. 3)Supply Installation, & Commissioning of UPS + Battery to DCS 4)Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal. 5)**Last date for submission of tender: 30.04.2021. up to 5.00 PM.** 6)**Technical bid opening : 03.05.2021 at 3.00 PM.** 7) Address for communication: Asst. Manager (Purchase) at the above address. 8)Tender document may be downloaded from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/.**
Tender No: KMF/2021-22/IND 9015 **Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR**

BELAGAVI DISTRICT CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD. MAHANTESH NAGAR BELAGAVI–590017. KARNATAKA.
Phone: 0831-2405756 E – mail: bemul.pur@gmail.com
IFT No: 131/Pur/Tender File/2021-22/120 Date: 18-04-2021
"SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION"
The Belagavi Milk Union Ltd., Invites tenders' from eligible tenderers for Providing Goods & Service in two cover system (Technical & Commercial) through E-Portal.
Sl.No:2:ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to pack 160 ml UHT Milk packets with Partition-20,000 Nos, E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/2021-22/IND9024,EMD AMOUNT IN RS.:15,000/–,3:Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to pack 450 ml UHT Milk packets with Partition -40,000 Nos. KMF/2021-22/IND9025, 25,000/–, 4:Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to pack 500 ml UHT Milk packets with Partition -90,000 Nos., KMF/2021-22/IND9026, 50,000/–LAST DATE TO APPLY:27–04–2021. E-procurement website:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/-Managing Director
BEMUL
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-35/MCA/2021-22

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK Campus, Bengaluru - 560 065.
No: EO/TN/447/2021-22 Date: 15-04-2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KW-4 from the registered KPWD/ PWD/ Contractors for Sl.No.1. The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.
The above work is under Two Cover system. The details for two cover system are to be uploaded as per Standard Tender Document.
The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **10-05-2021 at 10:30 a.m.** The Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for uploading is **26-05-2021 upto 4:00 p.m.** The **Technical Bid** will be opened on **28-05-2021 at 10:30 a.m.** The **Financial Bid** will be opened on **07-06-2021 at 10:30 a.m.** For more details please contact e-portal helpdesk at hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com or 080-23010900 / 01 and 080-38013000 on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No: 080-23332765.
Sd/-
Estate Officer
DIPR/DDU/186/MAA Comm/2021-22
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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes, Division-2, Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No.EE-2(Lakes)/TN-01/2021-22 Date: 19-04-2021
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System), (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
The Executive Engineer-2 Lakes Division Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Providing DPR Services for Development and Improvements to Thavarekere Lake.	510.00

Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit Declaration form as specified in the Tender Document as per G.O. No: FD 675 Expenditure-12/2020 Dated: 22-12-2020.
Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of RFP Document from **23-04-2021 onwards. (2)** Date of Pre bid meeting at the Office of the Chief Engineer (Lakes) on **30-04-2021 at 3:00 p.m. (3)** Last Date for Submission of Proposals is **07-05-2021 4:00 p.m. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **10-05-2021 11:00 a.m. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals after Approval of Technical Proposals through e-Procurement. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes, Division-2, BBMP.
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Britain on Monday imposed its strictest travel curbs on India after an explosion of coronavirus cases there, hours after Prime Minister Boris Johnson called off a trip to New Delhi. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said India was being added to Britain's "red list" of countries, banning all arrivals from India except for UK or Irish nationals, who must pay to stay in a quarantine hotel

EXFILE • HISTORY

THE TEMPLE OF ETERNAL FIRE

Till about 50 years ago, a so-called eternal flame sprouting from the earth's bosom bore testimony to the religious syncretism of Zoroastrians and the Hindus. Both the communities venerated the fire at the temple known as Ateshgah in the modern-day Azerbaijan. Let's trace how a small town became the hub of intercultural exchange

LOCATION
Surakhani, around 30 kms away from Azerbaijan's capital Baku

ATESHGAH

17th CENTURY CE
Built around 17th Century CE after Hindus, Sikhs and Zoroastrians arrivals to Ateshgah increased

17 Inscriptions

14 In Sanskrit

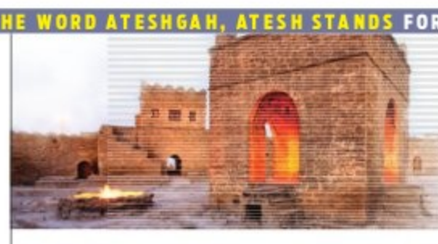
2 Punjabi

1 Persian

Sanskrit inscriptions mentions Lord Ganesha, Jwalaji and Lord Shiva

1880 The last Parsi priest sent to the region from India

IN THE WORD ATESHGAH, ATESH STANDS FOR FIRE IN PERSIAN AND GAH MEANS ABODE



THE SOURCE OF THE ETERNAL FLAME
Surakhani falls on Absheron peninsula, which is famous as a locality where oil and gas ooze naturally from the ground and flames burn perpetually. The flame could be an outcome of an accidental ignition, which assumed religious connotation later

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The area was under Persian control till 7th CE
2. It was a small town along the Silk Route Some Armenian historians say "seven sacred fire holes" were built by Shah Ardashir I (227-241) here
3. After the area was wrested by Islamic invaders, small pockets of Zoroastrians remained These followers kept venerating the fire holes
4. 10th Century CE Arabian historian mention about fire worshippers of Ateshgah on the outskirts of Baku

THE STRUCTURE

Similar to caravanserais (travellers' inns) of the region with pentagonal walls surrounding a courtyard

In the middle of the courtyard sits an altar, the centerpiece of the temple complex where fire rituals were observed

The altar is right above a natural gas vent, igniting a large flame in the middle and four smaller flames on the rooftop corners of the pavilion

Surrounding the altar are a number of small cells which once housed ascetic worshippers and pilgrims

INDIAN CONNECTION

- Some historians say the word 'gah' is a derivative of Sanskrit 'Grih' meaning abode
- Claims have been made of Baku being a derivative of word Bhaguan, meaning God in Sanskrit
- Hindus, Parsis and Sikhs used to live in the area in large numbers till about 19th Century CE
- Their dwindling population in the 19th Century CE led to the abandonment of Ateshgah

WHY BAKU?

Baku was an important trading town on the Great Silk Route. Carpets, fabrics, dry fruits among others trickled into the West from here through the Silk Route.Indian traders bound to West and China often traversed the route. Fire being important to both the Zoroastrians and the Hindus, the Temple of Eternal Flame piqued their interest.

The Ateshgah, where the flame now is dependent on gas supply from Baku after the USSR gas exploitation depleted the natural resource

CURRENT STATUS

1969 The fire dies out, owing to USSR's exploitation

A pipeline from Baku supplies gas to keep the flame burning

1998 Added to UNESCO World Heritage Site

NASA's Ingenuity pays for its Martian perseverance

The chopper marks the first-powered flight on another planet

SPACE

WASHINGTON: NASA successfully flew its tiny helicopter Ingenuity on Mars early on Monday, the first powered flight on another planet and a feat a top engineer called "our Wright brothers' moment".

At 7:34 am (GMT), the 1.8 kg rotorcraft lifted off, hovered 10 feet above the Martian surface, then came back to rest after 39.1 seconds. Data and images from the autonomous flight were transmitted 278 million km back to Earth where they were received by NASA's array of ground antennas and processed more than three hours later. Engineers were tensely watching their screens at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, where the mission had been designed and planned for the past six years.

They broke into applause as one of them read off a checklist of tasks Ingenuity had achieved and concluded: "Ingenuity has performed its first flight -- the first flight of a powered aircraft on another planet." Ingenuity quickly sent back a black-and-white image from its downward pointing navigation camera, showing its bug-like shadow cast on the surface. Then came a choppy color video from the Perseverance rover showing Ingenuity on the ground, in flight, and then once again at rest.

More images and a smoothed-out video are expected to follow. "We've been talking so long about our Wright brothers' moment on Mars, and here it is," said lead engineer MiMi Aung to her team, as she doled out virtual hugs.

The first powered flight on Earth was achieved by the Wright brothers in 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

A piece of fabric from that plane has been tucked inside Ingenuity in honor of that feat. NASA had originally planned the flight for April 11 but postponed it over a software issue that was identified during a planned high-speed test of the aircraft's rotors.

The issue was later resolved through the help of a software update and tweak in coding. Ingenuity traveled to Mars attached to the underside of Perseverance, which touched down on the planet on February 18 on a mission to search for signs of extraterrestrial life. Ingenuity's goal, by contrast, is to demonstrate its technology works, and it won't contribute to Perseverance's science goals.

But it is hoped that Ingenuity can pave the way for future flyers that revolutionize our exploration of celestial bodies because they can reach areas that rovers can't go, and travel much faster. "We don't know exactly where Ingenuity will lead us, but today's results indicate the sky — at least on Mars — may not be the limit," said acting NASA Administrator Steve Jurczyk.

(Top) NASA juxtaposing Ingenuity casting a bug-like shadow on the rugged Martian surface with (below) the first flight by the Wright brothers a century ago

Google brings vaccination sites info to phones via Map

HEALTH

With the arrival of numerous effective vaccines, the battle against COVID-19 has shifted to getting the jab to as many people as possible. And now tech giant Google has added vaccination site locations to Google Map and Search in the US, Canada, France, Chile, India and Singapore in a bid to help speed up the process.

Users simply type 'vaccination sites' to get a map with pins tagging various locations near them which provide the injections. Google AI is also powering 'virtual agents' that can help individuals find out if they're eligible for vaccination, book an appointment and even get reminders as the date approaches. The company announced it is sponsoring pop-up vaccination sites across the US targeting marginalized communities and donating 250,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to countries in need.

As part of Google's ongoing Intelligent Vaccine Impact solution, the company is using its Contact Center AI (CCAI) to power virtual agents across chat, text, web, mobile, telephone and other platforms that assist users with eligibility questions, registration, scheduling and reminders in 28 different languages. The virtual agents also enable public health agencies to update vaccine eligibility data in real-time.

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DAY'S DIARY

Deepwater horizon oil spill

On this day in 2010, the oil drilling rig Deepwater Horizon, operating in the Macondo Prospect in the Gulf of Mexico, exploded and sank resulting in the death of 11 workers

THE CAUSE

The oil well, over which it was positioned, was located on the seabed 4,993 feet below the surface. A surge of natural gas blasted through a concrete core installed by a contractor in order to seal the well for later use

OIL CONTINUES TO FLOW

Over the next 87 days, an estimated 3.19 million barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf. Four million barrels of oil flowed from the damaged Macondo

CLEANING ACTIVITY

As oil began to contaminate Louisiana beaches, it was manually removed; more difficult to clean were the state's marshes and estuaries, where the topography was knit together by delicate plant life

Krishna Talkies out of theatres

PG 4

STARTUP WATCH

Akash Jayan & Ritvik Vipin

BACKSTORY

Havenspire is a Bengaluru-based community learning start-up established in 2019, by Vellore Institute of Technology graduates, Ritvik Vipin and Akash Jayan. The start-up attempts to educate people about stock trading and investments through online community courses. The course focuses on training the youth with a nine-week program focussing on courses like stock trading, forex, algorithm indicators, marketing analysis and more.

FINANCE FUNDA

The founders have completely bootstrapped their finances, starting with ₹10,000. They are not open to investments as of now.

USP

According to the founders, the start-up is a community-driven process where students interact with each other in the live markets discussing trading in the right platforms to reap benefits. They are also guided by experts and mentors from financial markets.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Their main target is the youth but they cater to anyone who is interested in making an alternative source of income through financial markets like doctors, engineers, home makers, government officers and more. So far, they have catered to 2,500 plus stock traders.

A GLOBAL TWIST TO LOCAL ARTS

This yet-to-be-titled documentary hopes to take viewers on a colourful journey of contemporary art in Italy and India

SANATH PRASAD

Art is an expansive subject to interpret. But here're cultural curators Myna Mukherjee and Davide Quadrio, who are making an attempt to capture the vast nature of contemporary art forms spread across India and Italy through a documentary. The yet-to-be titled documentary is directed by Indian filmmaker Onir and Italian filmmaker Alessandra Galletta, who will be shooting in different parts of India including Bengaluru during the first week of May.

The documentary captures the exciting world of contemporary art forms in both the countries by investigating the semiotics and symbols surrounding them in history and culture. It focuses on giving the audience a glimpse into the aesthetics of the two regions in different art forms like architecture, fashion, dance, music, paintings, theatre, crafts and mythology.

According to Mukherjee, who is also the director of Engendered, Transnational Arts and Human Rights, New Delhi, the documentary gives an everyday account of the art forms we see in our lives. "Viewers will be able to understand the psyche behind the Indian art forms; its academical reference, pedagogy and craftsmanship. For example, a stone in India could be seen as a Shivalinga or *prakruthi*, which has a more figurative meaning here. The same in the western world is seen as an abstract," says Mukherjee.

In Bengaluru, the team is working to feature the famous Nritiyagram Dance Ensemble in Hessarghatta, which is India's first modern gurukul for Indian classical dance forms. The makers also intend to explore how Artificial Intelligence is helping shape visual art, with the help of Bengaluru-based artistes, Raghava KK and Karthik Kalyanaraman. Besides, the collaboration will also bring India's and Italy's plural histories of art and culture under the spotlight.

A traditional papier mache artist at work in Kashmir

Mukherjee observes that both countries have rich living traditions of handicraft and art — from printing and weaving, natural dyes to carpets and basket-making. From capturing the ajrak art forms in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, to the makers of silk rugs in Kashmir, the documentary also aims to throw light on the plight of artisans, owing to the pandemic. In addition, it captures the shared history of the two countries, with the tempera painting method — Rajput paintings in India to the tempera paintings in Italy during the early Renaisance period.

"It's not the conflict between past and present that is interesting, but how the present is coming from history. When you're talking about how tradition is preserved, you also see professionals who build on that tradition. We are going to alphabets of creativity and showing that art is a discourse and a practice which is not in conflict but a natural consequence even though it might go against tradition," says Quadrio.

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Myna Mukherjee, director, Engendered, Transnational Arts and Human Rights, New Delhi

A flower market in Dal Lake, Srinagar

Covid-proof behaviour

The second wave of the coronavirus is here and is spreading fast. Here are some ways to keep yourself safe and break the chain.

1 Have foods that are rich in antioxidants like vitamins C, D, E and A along with zinc and selenium in your diet.

2 Use a proper N95 mask that covers both your mouth and nose when in public spaces.

3 Use gloves if you are commuting, wandering, in public places.

4 Avoid public gatherings and crowds as much as possible and ensure you maintain at least six feet distance from people.

5 Carry a hand sanitiser while travelling, and wash your hands, legs and face thoroughly with soap after stepping into your house.

6 A moderate level of exercise can help in having a healthy turnover of immune cells.

7 Avoid venturing outside unnecessarily and make the best use of digital platforms for socialising.

8 Get vaccinated early, if you fall under the eligibility category.

Wearing a mask and keeping your hands clean is of primary importance. I think staying at home is the safest option for a few weeks. It is also important to get vaccinated because it may help reduce the fatalities to some extent.

Pranitha Subash, actor

My wife Milana Nagraj, my father-in-law and I tested positive for COVID-19. Firstly, one should not panic after getting infected. You must confine yourself to your home and ensure that you get tested if you have symptoms and be socially responsible by not infecting others.

Darling Krishna, actor

CITY READ

Travel companion

Vadham India, a home-grown, digitally native wellness brand, unveils its wide range of drinkware collections that are sustainable and flexible. These drinkware options are designed to keep beverages at the right temperature for hours. In addition, it is also compatible while travelling and with other multipurpose drinkware choices.

Earth Day Recipies

To mark Earth Day on April 22, Vindhya Karwa, a culinarian and food stylist, will share some unique vegan recipes highlighting the nutritional value of vegan food recipes. "Building a daily meal plan around plants is not only great for our health, it also helps us make the planet a better place. Vegan food could be the best possible way for us to live long, healthy lives in a clean and green environment," says Karwa. Check out the recipes on her Instagram account.

CHANGE OF GUARD

Even as Covid-19 cases are on the rise, many private institutions are coming up with unique summer camping options for kids that attempt to be creative, refreshing and safe

SANATH PRASAD

It is summer 2021 and the rising infections due to COVID-19 has held most of us hostage. However, kids this time are trying to make the best out of the crisis with a window of exciting summer camps lined up before them. If drawing, painting, dance and music are on one side, summer camps are now offering a unique set of challenges and activities that aim to provide a holistic experience for children. Not to forget, the pandemic has also forced some organisers to keep the format of summers camps low-profile.

For example, We Love Theatre is a Bengaluru-based theatre group that is introducing children to One Leaf — a 10-day online theatre class for children aged seven to 14 years. Pavan Sharma, a theatre artiste and the learning curator for One Leaf, has adopted a different method to train the kids. "We have designed a specific curriculum for each class. Students from classes one to four will be dealing with interesting games related to theatre, classes five to seven will be dealing with theory classes based on creative writing, storytelling, and the high school kids will be trained in literature, acting and more," says Sharma. Children will be trained for two hours every day from 11 am to 1 pm with 10 members per batch.

Kids training in photgraphy on the fringes of Bannerghatta national park as part of the summer camp activity.

Summer camps in the city hopes to introduce children to newer pastures

The camp covers a vast range of activities for children. They get to learn about diverse species of birds, use camera techniques to capture wildlife, different fishing methods and a host of other fun activities.

- Phillip Ross, founder, The Outback Experience

On the other hand, to beat the summer blues and to enjoy a green outing, wildlife photographer Phillip Ross, founder of The Outback Experience, an organisation that conducts regular nature camps and organises homestays for kids and adults, is conducting a rainforest summer camp this time. Ross is currently conducting a family nature and wildlife camp located on the fringes of Bannerghatta National Park. The camp attempts to introduce families and kids to the joys of birding, wildlife tracking, angling and wildlife photography. "The camp covers a vast range of activities for children. They get to learn about diverse species of birds, learning camera techniques to capture wildlife, different fishing methods and a host of other fun activities," says Ross. He has also lined up an online wildlife workshop that exposes them to India's biodiversity and online photography workshop for kids, later this month.

Some kids are also engaging in reviving traditional games. Ragi Kana, a cultural initiative under the collaboration of Sri Ramakrishna Samagra Shikshana Kendra and Grama Seva Sangh, is organising Olden Days Golden Games — a workshop for children aged five years and above, that aims to throw light on old indoor and outdoor games. According to Abhilash, these games will teach children the benefits of social and interpersonal skill-sets of playing traditional games. Some of the games included in the workshop are cycle tyre, *lattu*, *bhugari*, marbles, tennikoit ring, *gilli thandu*, hopscotch, *nava kangari*, and more.

Sportz Village Academies is bringing games to the doorstep. With the COVID-19 crisis looming large, the academy is offering coaching classes this month at apartment complexes for different sports like football, basketball, self-defence classes and table tennis. The kids will also be trained in life and leadership skills through sports. Jitendra Joshi, co-founder of the academy, says, "The recent times have been difficult, especially for kids as they have missed playing at the playground. We attempt to rekindle the joy of playing and help kids fall back in love with sports through this summer camp."

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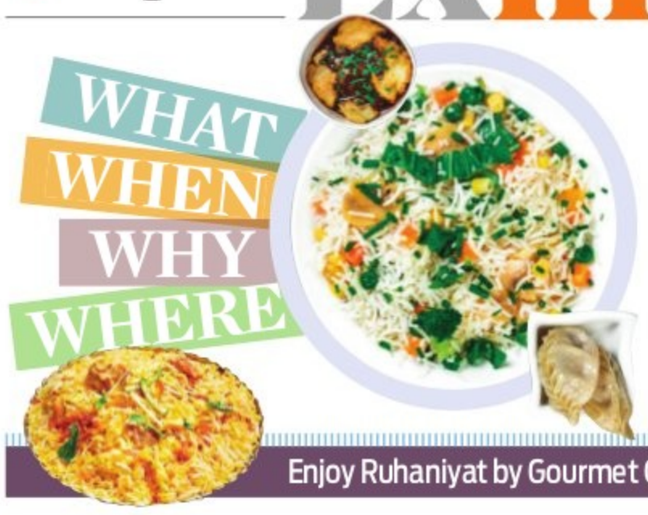

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MANGO MANIA

Khandani Rajdhani brings their famous Aamlicious Food Festival this year. The annual feast will be held till May 31, 2021, across all Khandani Rajdhani outlets in Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad. On the menu are aamras, aamrakhand, mango raita kachi kairi ring dhokla, ker sangri, mango pulao and mango jalebi.

MEXCIAN FIESTA

Enjoy a wide range of Mexican delicacies this summer as Foodhall is celebrating the culinary traditions of Mexican cuisine with Fiesta Mexicana. The food festival will celebrate the flavours of Mexico with a wide range of ingredients, live stations, baked meals, snack, and more throughout this month. **Where:** Foodhall stores **Details:** 7400444525

MUSIC SUMMER CAMP

Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa) will be starting an interactive online course in music for kids of all age groups. The online course includes bhajans, shlokas, pop music, among other for kids to experience music from the safety of their homes. Fee: ₹2,000
When: Apr 15- 22
Details: SaPa India website

Enjoy Ruhaniyat by Gourmet Couch, a wide spread of Ramadan delicacies including Haleem, Nehari, Bibi ka Murgh Pulao and more. **When:** Until May 16 **Where:** ITC Gardenia,

COLD BREW FEST

Starbucks has announced the Cold Brew Fest that will be on till April 11. Select variants like Cold Brew Black, Nitro Cold Brew Black, Vegan Cold Brew, Nitro Vegan Cold Brew, Cold Brew with Ginger Ale, Nitro Cold Brew with Ginger Ale and more will be **available at** special prices of ₹250 for the Cold Brew range and ₹300 for the Nitro Cold Brew range (including taxes).

Award function

Sree Ramaseva Mandali Trust is organising an award ceremony to confer the SV Narayanaswamy Rao National Award to renowned vocalist Vidwan Madurai TN Seshagopalan.
When: May 1
Where: Gayana Samaja Auditorium, KR Road
Details: 9886088869

Decor collection

The Yellow Dwelling, a contemporary sustainable furnishing and décor expert, is introducing a collection of cushions, curtains, teepee tents and more for kids.
Where: The Yellow Dwelling stores, HSR Layout
Details: 96062 46004

IPL Feast

Enjoy a spread of special menu curated by Chef Vikas Seth for the cricket fans. The menu includes herb tossed epazote mushrooms, grilled zucchini and non-vegetarian specialties like cilantro marinated grilled shrimp and smoky chipotle chicken and exciting beverages.
Where: Sanchez, UB City & Indiranagar
When: Till May 30, 11am onwards

Fashion Expo

Kala Silk Cotton Expo is organising an exhibition displaying products of weavers, artisans and craftsmen from Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and other states. The exhibition will feature ethnic wear ranging from home linen to Kancheepuram materials and more. **When:** Till April 22 **Where:** Five O Gallery, Vijayanagar **Details:** 9391628516

Summer treats

Magnolia Bakery launches its summer dish- Mango Cheesecake. The sumer treat consists of creamy vanilla cheesecake, crackers and mangoes. **When:** Until April 30
Cost: Rs 320+ tax

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

HORSE GRAM DOSA

INGREDIENTS

- **Horse gram:** 1/2 cup
- **Little millet:** 2 cup
- **Fenugreek seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Thick beaten rice (poha):** 2 tbsp
- **Salt** to taste
- **Oil**

METHOD

- Wash little millet, horse gram and fenugreek seeds in a bowl. Soak for about 5-6 hours. Just 30 minutes before grinding, wash and soak poha along with it.
- Grind all the ingredients adding little water. Transfer to a container, add salt and mix well. Set aside overnight or 6-10 hours for fermentation.
- The batter would have fermented well by morning. Mix well before making dosa.
- Heat a tawa. Grease with oil. Pour a ladle full of batter. Spread it in circular direction. Drizzle a few drops of oil or ghee around it. Cover and cook on medium flame for about 1-2 minutes. No need to flip over and cook. Once it's done, the dosas come out easily from the tawa. Fold and serve.

— Smitha Kalluraya, Bengaluru

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Rukmini is forcefully taken hostage by her enemy, Pratap, who wants to marry her. When Raja, her lover and a rickshaw driver by profession, finds out, he sets out for her hometown to rescue her.
- Cast: Darshan, Deepa Sannidhi, R Sarathkumar

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- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Yogesh, Srinagar Kitty

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- Cast: Sudeep, Rakshita

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A mafia leader tries to kill policeman Sivagiri, who took down his illegal businesses, with the help of a lookalike. Later, Sivagiri discovers that the leader is responsible for his father's death.
- Cast: ARS, Amala Akkineni, Bhagya

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW MUCH SLEEP DO YOU REALLY NEED? BY MATT WALKER

You know you need to get enough sleep, but the question remains: How much is enough? Sleep scientist Matt Walker tells us the recommended amount for adults and explains why it's necessary for your long-term health.

2 HOW RACIAL BIAS WORKS AND HOW TO DISRUPT IT BY JENNIFER L EBERHARDT

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Meet Todai Robot, an AI project that performed in the top 20 percent of students on the entrance exam for the University of Tokyo — without actually understanding a thing. While it's not matriculating anytime soon, Todai Robot's success raises alarming questions for the future of human education.

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5 WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU CUT DOWN ALL OF A CITY'S TREES BY STEFAN AL

We may think of nature as being unconnected to our urban spaces, but trees have always been an essential part of successful cities. Humanity has been uncovering these arboreal benefits since the creation of our first cities thousands of years ago. So what makes trees so important to a city's survival? Stefan Al explains

FIT BIT

GANESHA MUDRA

(SACRED HAND GESTURE)

Ganesha Mudra is named after the Hindu elephant god Ganesh, who is known as the remover of obstacles. It enhances self-confidence and provides the courage to overcome anything that is holding one back. It stimulates the Anahata (heart) chakra and is a heart-opening practice. It may evoke strong feelings of warmth and brightness in the heart area, which helps those suffering from heartache, depression or feelings of heaviness and sadness. Since this is associated with the element of fire, it is also particularly useful for stimulating the metabolism and digestive fire known as Agni, making it beneficial in countering any digestive problems.

STEPS

- Sit on a chair or in Padmasana on the floor.
- Bring your hands in front of your chest; your elbows bent.
- Place the left palm facing outwards in such a way that your thumb points towards your solar plexus plus your small finger points to your collarbone.
- Make a claw by winding the four fingers of your left hand and hold them by the four fingers of your right hand. Ensure your right palm faces your chest.
- Inhale deeply. Exhale, try to pull both arms apart when keeping all eight fingers locked. Feel the stretch along your shoulders and chest.
- Inhale once more and relax your arms while maintaining this mudra.
- Practise this process six times.
- Interchange your hands — your right palm in front — and repeat this procedure.
- Free all tension from the arms. Bring your hands close to your chest and hold this position for as long as you like. Focus on your breath.
- Release and relax.

BENEFITS

- Best for the shoulder, chest muscles and arms.
- Improves courage, metabolism and digestion. Increases strength and bravery if performed daily.
- Supports the heart muscles.
- Opens the bronchial tubes by bringing better blood circulation.
- Traits like love, sympathy, courage and openness increases releasing any kind of worry.
- Frees any blocked tension in the shoulders and chest.
- People with ailments of the heart, depression, cholesterol, must practise it.

LIMITATIONS

- Switch off mobile phone and other electrical gadgets.
- Cut your nails before practice.
- Don't strain your neck while pushing your head forward.
- Give an hour's gap between the food and practice.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MUNDINA NILDANA (Kannada)

The film takes you along on the journeys of three young professionals who are on the road to achieve their dreams and goals. In the process they make many discoveries about themselves and learn about relationships, friendship and love.

Cast: Praveen Tej, Radhika Narayan, Ananya Kashyap

- Watch on: Netflix

BOMBAY BEGUMS (Hindi, series)

Five ambitious women from various walks of life navigate dreams, desires and disappointments in modern-day Mumbai.

Cast: Pooja Bhatt, Plabita Borthakur, Shahana Goswami, Amruta Subhash, Aadhya Anand

- Watch on: Netflix

JOJI (Malayalam)

An engineering dropout and the youngest son of a rich family lives with his aspirations of becoming super wealthy. Driven by greed and blind ambition, he decides to execute his plans following an unexpected event in the family.

Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Dileesh Pothan, Unnimaya Prasad, Baburaj

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE PRIEST (Malayalam)

A priest and a police officer are trying to solve a set of mysterious suicides. As their investigation closes in, they discover another crime with even farther-reaching consequences.

Cast: Mammootty, Nikhila Varma, Manju Warrier

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

HELLO CHARLIE (Hindi)

Charlie, a simple pizza delivery boy, finds himself driving his uncle's truck, Girnaar Express, to deliver a gorilla from Mumbai to the jetty at Diu. Charlie is unaware that the gorilla is disguised business tycoon MD Makwana who is on the run after committing a multi crore scam.

Cast: Aadar Jain, Jackie Shroff, Siddhant Kapoor, Elnaaz Norouzi, Shloka Pandit

- Watch on: Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

YUVARATNA (Kannada)

A reputed college that is now on the verge of closing due to the privatisation of the education system fights for survival.

Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa, Kavya Shetty, Sonu

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE BIG BULL (Hindi)

The story of the film is based on real events of financial market that took place between 1990 and 2000 involving Harshad Mehta and his financial crimes.

Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Nikita Dutta, Ileana D'Cruz, Sohum Shah

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

ENGLISH

THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD

The life of David Copperfield from childhood to maturity, with his own adventures and the web of friends and enemies he meets along his way.

Cast: Dev Patel, Tilda Swinton, Hugh Laurie, Peter Capaldi

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE NEW MUTANTS

Five teenage mutants — Mirage, Wolfsbane, Cannonball, Sunspot and Magik -- undergo treatments at a secret institution that will cure them of their dangerous powers.

Cast: Anya Taylor-Joy, Maisie Williams, Blu Hunt, Charlie Heaton

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

RUN

Chloe was raised by her mother Diane in total isolation. Her mother has totally controlled her since she was born, but now as a teenager Chloe is starting to explore her mother's secrets.

Cast: Sarah Paulson, Kiera Allen, Onalee Ames, Sara Sohn

- Watch on: Netflix

THEM (Series)

A black family moves from North Carolina to an all-white Los Angeles neighbourhood in 1953, where their idyllic home becomes ground zero for malevolent forces.

Cast: Deborah Ayorinde, Alison Pill, Bashy, Shahadi Wright Joseph

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
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Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

WANT TO GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT, SOLDIER?

OPEN SPACE
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THERE is an invigorating romanticism when it comes to defending our land. That's why we revere those bravehearts, our soldiers, keeping vigil at our borders. We hear tales of valour. We get engrossed in the minute details about adventures of unimaginably challenging feats undertaken by them to get the better of those threatening our borders.

Yes, borders – those lines which demarcate 'ours' from 'there's'. 'Ours', because within those borders, ideally, is our safety, where we belong, where we nurture our freedom, our dreams, our education, and our health.

In many ways, then, these are the men and women who are ensuring our very safety which enables us to go about our freedom, to achieve what we desire.

Now put that in the context of the ongoing pandemic. You will realise that despite these brave men and women putting their lives on the line for our safety, suddenly a billion-plus fronts have opened, threatening each one of us directly.

The enemy does not comprise divisions of six-footers armed with sophisticated weapons shooting everyone and everything in their way; nor do our own soldiers have any arsenal in their possession to stop this enemy that is presently devouring us. It threatens them too, just as directly as it does us. The country's most valuable asset – called 'human resources' – is directly under threat from these invaders.

The enemy we are talking about is a microscopic one, measuring anywhere between 50 to 200 nanometres. If you want to know how small that is, here goes: break a metre into a billion equal parts. Each part is a nanometre. Simply put, a nanometre is a billionth of a metre. And this virus is attacking us in trillions and trillions, entering our bodies through our mouths, nostrils and eyes, and playing havoc with our respiratory system – literally taking our breath and life away.

The threat is real. This Covid-19 pandemic, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, has already claimed 1,78,793 lives across India, including 13,351 in Karnataka. All through 2020 and till now, it has affected 1.5 crore people in India, including 11,24,509 in this state.

Now, look at the irony. Our borders protected, there is nobody to protect our own bodies from these invaders within the safety of our own borders ... nobody, except ourselves! Suddenly, we are transformed into soldiers – each with a responsibility to protect ourselves and those around us.

One may argue that the coming of the vaccines has brought much relief. But if you look around, not only have there been cases of re-infection, but even some who have completed the second dose of the vaccination have emerged positive with this viral infection.

However, we are not defenceless against this virus. From the very beginning of this pandemic early last year, experts have been shouting sore that we already have vaccines – three of them. That was before we even heard of Covishield, or Covaxin, or Sputnik-V. The vaccines they were talking about: Wearing a mask, maintaining safe distance from the others, and personal hygiene.

Today, ourselves as soldiers fighting these invaders, although we do not have offensive weapons to destroy these minuscule scoundrels, we still have these three 'vaccines' – our defensive weapons. You may laugh it off, but they effectively play the roles that Covishield or Covaxin do – keep the virus away, although the latter helps fight the virus inside our body, while the former prevents the virus from entering the body itself.

Unfortunately, despite each one of us being armed with these three "defensive vaccines", we have allowed the second wave of the pandemic – much more lethal than the first – to overwhelm us. It looks like we have decided to go down without a fight. Have we?

Illustration
Soumyadip Sinha

Ready-to-eat wet dog food brand Harley's Corner offers a range of gourmet fare for canines

MEET ISHMEET SINGH CHANDIOK, INDIA'S FIRST DOG CHEF

ANAGHA M

CHEF Ishmeet Singh Chandiok is familiar to diners in the country from his stints at Hyatt and JW Marriott. But when he started cooking for his dog Harley, he thought of venturing into the dog food business. This led to Harley's Corner which is India's first ready-to-eat wet dog food brand. The chef, who is a dog lover and a certified canine nutritionist, has a range of gourmet food for canines including activated charcoal treats, beef jerky, subscription boxes for meals, India's first 'DIY' Doggy Cake Kit and much more. We speak to him about the brand:

Ishmeet Singh Chandiok with Harley and Pixie

Q&A

What's on the menu for the pets? Tell us more about the subscription boxes and the DIY and Doggy Cake Kit.

Harley's Corner is India's first 'Ready to Eat' Wet dog food brand. We have taken the goodness of a meal prepared daily for dogs and made it easy and convenient for the pet parent to access and use. Our subscriptions are designed to take away the pet parent's hassle of having to keep remembering to order their dog's food. Each pet parent knows the trouble they go through when the food their dog regularly consumes is out of stock and getting their dog to eat other food is a herculean task. Once a pet parent subscribes, we send them the food on a monthly basis with a 4-5 day overlap to ensure that their dog never runs out of their yummy and nutritious food. Based on the multiple food offerings, our subscription plans are divided into Basic, Advanced and Premium plans. These comprise various combinations that the pet parent can choose from. The plans are for 1, 3 and 6 months and come with multiple offerings like free shipping, free treats, etc.

The DIY Dog Cake Kit is something under development. After being a baker to the dogs in Mumbai, when I moved to Bengaluru, I realised I had left a lot of dogs missing their cakes. Hence I thought, "Why should a dog have to wait for a baker to make their cakes, why can't their pet parent make it?" Hence, I thought of starting this. While this does eat into my fresh cake market, the fact that I can get more pet parents to bake fresh cakes for their dogs is worth it.

What sets your brand apart from the other dog food, especially from a nutrition point of view?

Harley's Corner is the only brand that uses "100% Human Grade Ingredients" in all our meals. This means that the meat, vegetables and rice used are of the quality fit for human consumption and not animal consumption. This in itself takes the nutritional value, taste and quality to far superior levels over any other brand of dog food. All the meals are nutritionally balanced as well and 100% safe for all dogs.

What are some of the challenges? Especially when compared to cooking for human guests in a restaurant?

Dogs are creatures of habit – and their food choices also reflect that. Any pet parent will vouch for this. Getting them to change their food can get very difficult.

While this is true, dogs also get attracted to food through smell before taste. If the smell interests them, they will try the food. So while we use the latest technology to ensure the food is 100% preservative and additive free, the challenge lay in being able to capture the sensuous aroma of the food when cooked.

I personally feel dogs are far better customers than humans – they don't complain about masala, taste, salt, etc. If they like the food, you are rewarded with a large sloppy lick and a set of puppy eyes imploring you to feed them some more.

How has the response been so far?

The response to Harley's Corner in Bengaluru has been really good. This city definitely has more aware and conscious pet parents who understand what their dogs' needs really are and why they are important to the health of the dog. The city also has its share of romantic canine love stories, we had quite a number of orders on Valentine's Day for doggies professing their love for their besties as well as pet parents making their dogs their Valentines.

Details: harleyscorner.in

10 Notes for Aspiring Musicians

TUNING IN
Bindu & Ambi Subramaniam

AS a musician and music educator, we often have young musicians asking us what they should do to pursue a career in music. Being a musician is definitely an exciting and rewarding career, but the path towards it can often be unclear. What do you have to do before you are a musician? Sing three Taylor Swift songs without stopping? Play the intro to 'Smoke on the Water' on your guitar? People are excited about pursuing careers in music, and have many varied interests, but aren't completely clear on the path ahead of them. If you want to be a doctor, or a lawyer, or an engineer, your path to your dream career is clear – get the right degree, do internships, work hard, and you'll be fine.

To be a musician, these are the top ten things to keep in mind:

Work hard every day

It might look like a lot of great bands started in their (parents') basements, which is a great place to hang around and do nothing, but you'd better believe they practised a lot. It helps to have a log and track your progress. Can you put in at least 100 hours a month? 200?

Face rejection

No artist in the history of the universe has created music that everybody can love. Some people will not like what you do. It's ok.

No skills go to waste

Learn as much as you can about as many things as you can. Mongolian Throat Singing? Listen to it! Kabuki? Experience it! Build an interdisciplinary skill set so you know about many things in your field.

Be you

It's great to have idols and people who you admire and want to be like. However, make sure you find your own artistic voice. Be the best you, not a wannabe someone else.

Master your voice or instrument

This doesn't need any explanation. If you sing and play multiple instruments, even better!

Understand music production

It's critical to have at least a basic understanding of how music is made and produced. You should know how to create the sound you want.

Songwriting

Have a foundation in composing and songwriting. Even if that's not your main focus, it'll help you create your own voice and style.

Social media is important

As a musician, use social media to connect with your audience and tell your story. Understand how different platforms work and what kind of content you need to create from them.

Understand how the music business works

From copyrights to publishing to contracts, there's a lot to unpack. Know the business and know your rights!

Make friends

A career in music is a team sport!

Love & Regret

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

IN a popular Indian myth, a god asks if the person praying for favour would like to meet someone they would love fiercely, experience the love deeply and fully, but only to lose them exactly a year later, at the end of which they are destined to lose this love and forever be in the pain of that loss. Or they could choose a nice, long life which would be purposeful and hold lots of meaning, but they would not experience the fullness of love - they would marry, even have children if they want, but never really experience romantic love, certainly nothing that will tear their heart apart. In the myth, the person chooses love, lives that one year fully and deeply, and at the end of that time, when the god comes to claim the loved one, manages somehow to pull a fast one, impress the god and keep the loved one forever.

In reality though, if you really get a choice between a generally mediocre life, but with a great love, or a largely lacklustre love life, but a comfortable, successful and long life -- which would you choose, especially if you can't really hope for the kind of luck that the person in the myth had?

Many times, it is not really a choice that one actively chooses, but something that is thrust upon us. We move through life as a series of milestones, and especially in India, communities hold their life to a timeline of sorts where people are expected to study, work, marry, save money and so on at set ages. We are often driven to fulfil these milestones even if it is at the cost of possible love. We are told love will happen, and while it sometimes does, often it does not. On the other side, families often push young people away from romantic love in the name of social compatibility, family pride or other such notions.

The choice between love or life is a very real choice that many Indians face. It is not just a myth that we hear, but a lived reality. Romantic love is not a given with the way families socialises us, and yet, the movies and stories celebrate romantic love. Should we act per Lord Tennyson's maxim, " 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all", or should we aim for a life that offers everything else, but not necessarily love?

Studies that look at people at the end of their lives and ask which choice they made and which they wish they had made, seem to indicate that people mostly talk with regret of not taking the chance for romantic love. At the end of the day, to experience true romantic love is such a privilege that people wish for it.

We all may not get a chance at romantic love in our lives, but if it does come, to discard it might just become the one thing we regret.

CITY READ

ICAI to launch tax clinic on April 23

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (Bengaluru chapter) will launch a 'Tax Clinic' at its SIRC Bengaluru branch at Millers Tank Bed Area in Vasanthnagar on Friday. Revenue Minister R Ashok will be the chief guest of the event. The clinic will be a complete tax solution programme and people can pose queries on Income Tax, GST, international taxation, Custom Duty through the website bangalore@icai.org, according to a release.

New carpet collection unveiled for summer

Carpet manufacturer, Carpet Kingdom unveils their new collection for summer. It includes a set of soft fabric dhurries, flat weaves, delicate linen carpets, carpets made of recycled sarees, and more. It also hold a classic collection of timeless classic motifs and modern abstract styles, that has been curated for the contemporary and traditional outlooks.

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Shruti Haasan to play a journalist in *Salaar*

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Shruti Haasan has been paired opposite Prabhas in his upcoming film Salaar. She has commenced shooting for the action entertainer in January.

Speculations are rife that Shruti will be slipping into the shoes of a journalist in the film being directed by *KGF*-fame Prashanth Neel. In the past, she played a similar role to that of an investigative journalist in Suriya-starrer S3. "Shruti Haasan is content with the way her character has been shaped up and is hoping to recreate the same magic as S3," says a source close to the development.

The second schedule of Salaar will begin next month in Hyderabad and the team has erected massive sets to shoot these portions in the outskirts of the city.

Salaar is scheduled to release on April 14, 2022. Bankrolled by Hombale Films, the multilingual film has Madhu Guruswamy as the antagonist.

Urvashi Rautela mourn the demise of actor Vivekh

CE FEATURES

Urvashi Rautela took to social media on Sunday to mourn the demise of actor Vivekh and recall her experience of working with him in her upcoming Tamil debut film. The first schedule of the film was shot in Manali last month.

Urvashi shared a photograph with the late actor on Instagram and a video where the two of them can be seen reading a script and practicing the dialogues.

Sharing the photo and video on Instagram, Urvashi wrote, "I will miss you forever my Padma Shri @actorvivekh sir. My experience of working with a legend like you in my debut tamil film is unforgettable. I'm so shocked by the loss. You cared for me & cared for the world. Your comic timing & dialogues. Your love for the trees. My heartfelt condolences to Vivekh sir's family, friends and fans. #RIP-Vivekh. I have some best memories of my life with you... Thank you sir for everything."

ROBERRT to be out on Amazon Prime on April 25

The commercial entertainer starring Darshan, bankrolled by Umapathy Films, directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir will be releasing in five languages on OTT

CE FEATURES

After an impressive run at the box office, Darshan starrer *Roberrt*, will now wow fans on Amazon Prime Video from April 25, and that too in five languages -- Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi. Directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir, the action commercial entertainer, released in Kannada and Telugu, hit the screens on March 11, coinciding with Shivaratri, and evoked a huge response, raking in the moolah at the box office. An announcement will be made by the streaming channel and the producer soon.

Bankrolled by Umapathy Films, it ran to packed houses, becoming the fastest film to rake in ₹50 crore and shattered its box office records. Having completed 40 days, *Roberrt* continues to run in theatres now, at 50 per cent capacity. It features an ensemble cast, including Asha Bhat in the femalelead along with Vinod Prabhakar, P Ravi Shankar, Sonal Monteiro, and Chikkanna in key roles. The film's music is composed by Arjun Janya with a background score by V Harikrishna. The film's cinematography was handled by Sudhakar S Raj, and editing by KM Prakash.

KRISHNA TALKIES TO PULL OUT OF THEATRES FROM APRIL 22

Producer Govindraju Ah Aluru and team has taken this decision owing to the rise of corona cases in Bengaluru and across Karnataka

A SHARADHAA

The makers of *Krishna Talkies*, starring Ajay Rao and Apurva, which hit screens on April 16, have decided to pull out the film from theatres within four days of its release. "This decision was taken by producer Govindraju AH Aluru, and the entire team, owing to the current Covid issues, which is at its peak," says director Vijay Anand.

"Despite the film getting positive response from audience and critics, people have no interest in coming to theatres now. Secondly, the decision taken by the Government regarding malls, theatres or restaurants, will further restrict people. We can't expect theatre owners to run the show with empty seats. Moreover, we felt that we should not public under health risk, which is most important. So, we decided to take off our film from theatres," the director explains.

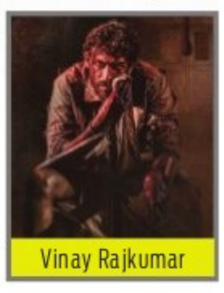
With the situation getting worse, it does give rise to the question about why they released the film in the first place. Vijay Anand says, "The decision to release our film was taken a month ago, at a time when situation was just coming back to normal. But, with corona surfing back, we were limited to release the film with fifty per cent occupancy in theatres, which we were okay with. But, closer to the release date, especially from April 13, the cases peaked again. By that time, we had already tied up with various theatres. We didn't have any option but to release. But when we don't have the audience to watch, there is no use to keep it running." the director tells us and adds that they will plan for a re-release. "The production house will bring back *Krishna Talkies* to the silver screen the only after-life gets back to normal, and when people want to come back to theatres.

"Public health is important and we also come under that category. So far, whoever has watched the film have appreciated it. This has given further confidence about the re-release. We will get back to theatres as and when people's lives gets back to normal," says Ajay Rao.

Krishna Talkies also stars Sindhu Loknath, Chikkanna, Yash Shetty, Shobharaj, Mandya Ramesh, and Pramod Shetty. With music composed by Sridhar V Sambraham, *Krishna Talkies* has cinematography by Abhishek G Kasargod.

Kaajal Kunder to star opposite Vinay Rajkumar in *Pepe*

CE FEATURES



Kaajal Kunder has been paired opposite Vinay Rajkumar in Sreelesh S Nair's next film titled *Pepe*. The actor had participated in the first schedule, which took place in Coorg. The film, bankrolled by Uday Shankar S and Nijaguna Guruswamy, had released the first look of Vinay Rajkumar recently, with the poster depicting him in a bloody and menacing avatar. The team is coming up with a teaser, and both Vinay and Kaajal, who are sharing screen space for the first time, were at the dubbing studio on Monday. *Pepe* has Samarth Upadhyay cranking the camera, and the music director in the process of being finalised. Based out of Mumbai, Kaajal made her mark in Tulu and Marathi films. Having been part of commercials and Hindi serials, she made her Kannada debut with *Maya Kannadi*. Apart from *Pepe*, Kaajal is also part of the Dikshith Shetty-starrer *KTM*, which is currently in the floors. Vinay is currently waiting for the release of his next *10*, which sees him playing the role of a boxer in Karm Chawla's directorial debut. The actor's upcoming project also includes *Andodittu Kaala*, which features him in the role of a filmmaker.

'I don't judge my characters'

Aditi Rao Hydari and director Neeraj Ghaywan speak about Geeli Pucchi, their much-appreciated segment in the recent Netflix Anthology, *Ajeeb Daastans*

RAM VENKAT SRIKAR

Nearly six years after the release of *Masaan*, which won him numerous accolades, including recognition at the National Film Awards and the Cannes Film Festival, Neeraj Ghaywan is yet to make his second feature film. However, he's done Geeli Pucchi, a short film in the Karan Johar-produced Netflix anthology, Ajeeb Daastans, that features Aditi Rao Hydari and Konkona Sen Sharma as two women who bond over their gender in a male-dominant workplace until caste intervenes in their tender relationship. The former plays Priya Sharma, a chatty, gullible woman who comes as a breath of fresh air in her filmography.

Here's Neeraj Ghaywan and Aditi Rao Hydari in a conversation with us, as they speak of creative choices, learnings, and takeaways:

(excerpts from the conversation)

Neeraj, you had said that your perception of Federico Fellini's 8 ½ had changed, after you became uncertain about the subject of your second feature. How did you come out of this state?

Neeraj: I believe that our perception regarding any film is bound to change over time with repetitive viewings. For instance, Guru Dutt's *Pyaasa*, Gulzar's *Ijaazat*, and Vijay Anand's *Guide* are some films I revisit frequently. Every time I rewatch *Pyaasa*, I find a different meaning. The same can be said about Fellini's 8 ½ and it shows that our perception keeps evolving with time. To put it another way, the works of Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Kie lowski bestow a completely different meaning when seen through contemporary lenses.

The idea of *Geeli Pucchi* stemmed during the development of Masaan, but I held it back because it felt radical. The concept, however, continued to brew in my head and I finally committed to put it to fruition and give it some shape and size. I could not have asked for a better platform, and more importantly, better actors to bring these characters alive.

For someone who has extensively played tight-lipped and calm characters, how different was it to play the expressive, effusive Priya Sharma?

Aditi: (laughs) I enjoyed every bit of it! While it was fun, I had to perfect the Hindi dialect, and Neeraj was particular about getting it right. As someone who grew up in Delhi and spent a substantial part of life in Hyderabad, I sound like a Hyderabadi or a Delhiwali. I had to hone the dialect, polish the pronunciation, and simultaneously be chatty. I had a lot on my plate! Pulling it off was not a cakewalk, but I enjoyed it because of the difference in tone; also, she comes from a different heart place.

Neeraj says she is his version of a manic pixie dream girl, whose life and thoughts are suffused with hopes and dreams. In all honesty, there is a side to my personality that resembles Priya, although filmmakers see me as a quiet person. I'm not sure how Neeraj figured out that I have a chatterbox in me!

Neeraj: I have an aversion to the manic pixie trope because it's a product of the male gaze. To subvert it, I used Bharthi (played by Konkona Sen Sharma) through whose eyes you see Priya. It's the female gaze. Manic pixie dream girls don't tend to have agency. However, Priya stands up against things she doesn't want to be a part of; she puts out her opinion.

You had cited the Dardenne Brothers as inspiration for Masaan because their films discard the socio-economic baggage of their characters. Can you say the same for *Geeli Pucchi*?

Neeraj: This question summarises why the Dardenne Brothers and Satyajit Ray are my favourite filmmakers. When we see their films, we don't feel that it is constructed around a 'social issue'. Their films center on the moral dilemma their characters go through. As a storyteller, my focus is solely on the narrative. I believe the story is the foundation to the film. Social criticism is a secondary layer. I touched upon many intersectionalities in Geeli Pucchi such as class, caste, gender, and sexuality, but at the end of the day, the story is about the human connection between Priya and Bharati.

Do you like to put a moral cap on your character, Priya, considering her privilege adversely affects Bharti?

Aditi: When I play a character in a film, I don't like judging and segregating them based on their beliefs and opinions. I hope I can do the same in real life. I would say that Priya is naive, pure, and innocent. She appropriately responds to every situation she is placed in, and I'm glad Neeraj imbibed talkativeness in her personality because that makes her unfiltered and lucid. Contrary to Bharti, Priya is not informed about society, the hierarchy, and the real world. All she has are feelings. Priya's innocence draws Bharti towards her. For Priya, honesty is all that matters, and I think it ties in beautifully with the world of the film.

Although you have experience in making shorts like Shor, Juice, and The Epiphany, do you feel feature-length would have allowed you to explore Geeli Pucchi in depth?

Neeraj: I don't think so. With my short film, Shor, I intended to put my learnings from the sets of Gangs of Wasseypur to use. I feel that a true accomplishment of a filmmaker is when he or she manages to tell a story with minimal resources, and that was my goal with The Epiphany. Completely set in a car, there was no way to add flourishes like wide shots and multiple locations. It was an attempt to hone my craft. Every film has a different grammar. With Geeli Pucchi, it was important to not overstay our welcome. I'm content with what we have. It's succinct. I feel the short runtime sharpens the film.

What is your takeaway from Priya Sharma?

Aditi: I think it's too early to answer that. I haven't reached a place where I can instantly understand a character's influence on me. At times, I realise after a while that I have absorbed something from a particular character. It has happened with Leela (Kaatru Veliyidai), Mehrunisa (Padmavat), and Sameera (Sammohanam). What struck me the most about Priya was her kindness and child-like innocence. Regardless of the broad context of the story, she is a sweet human, without a CPU that controls her thoughts.